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Scargill's arrest and pit riot shatter peace hope

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Hopes for an early settlement of the miners' strike faded yesterday as tension rose after the arrest of Mr Arthur Scargill, the pitmen's leader, and fresh outbreaks of violence on the picket lines.

Striking miners invaded the London headquarters of the National Coal Board, and police declared a "riot situation" outside the Orgreave coking works in South Yorkshire where thousands of miners again tried in vain to halt the movement of supplies destined for the fuel-starved British Steel plant in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.

Mr Scargill, aged 46, was arrested early yesterday leading a column of pickets to the cokeworks, and was released on unconditional bail by Rotherham magistrates after pleading not guilty to a charge of obstruction. He told reporters: "I will continue to do my job leading the miners on the picket lines at Orgreave."

That comment from the president of the National Union of Mineworkers suggests that he will not be available for peace talks with the board that were due to begin yesterday, as the "rolling strike" nears the end of its twelfth week.

Mr Scargill was leading about fifty miners towards the cokeworks when police officers told them they could go no further. He said: "No way, no way." He was making his way to a spot where some pickets stood the previous day, but after further verbal exchanges he was taken away in a police van.

As he was led off by two officers, he shouted to reporters: "1984 – Great Britain." Asked if he had intended to be arrested, he replied: "No, all I wanted to do was to picket peacefully." He told the arresting officers: "I wanted to be where we were yesterday. You have just obstructed my path and arrested me for no reason whatsoever."

He and the other two national officials of the union, the vice-president, Mr Michael McGahey, and the general secretary, Mr Peter Heathfield, are over the next few days scheeduled to engage in the first dialogue aimed at settling the bitter dispute, but the prospects of a deal look more remote than ever in the wake of yesterday's events.

For the second day running, police in riot gear carrying shields cleared a way for convoys off lorries to take coking coal to the BSC plant despite a barrage of missiles from about 3,000 pickets.

When the miners dispersed, police said they left behind barricades, a telegraph pole "battering ram," barbed wire, a burining Portakabin and a wire stretched across the road intended to bring down police horses.

After the second convoy had got through, the toll was 35 arrests of pickets and 16 people injured, most of them policemen. A police horse, *Argyle*, had a cut leg. Mr Tony Clement, assistant chief constable of South Yorkshire, blamed much of the violence on drink but suggested that the upsurge in violence could lead to more serious charges than public order or obstrction offences.

"This situation changes things," he said. "We shall be looking at the evidence in relation to the people arrested, to see whether other charges should be preferred."

Among the missiles that police said had been found were a 2lb hammer, an 18-inch cast iron pipe, a steel coach-bolt and steel nuts with nails.

The coal board came under renewed pressure from the Police Federation and Dr David Owen, Social Democratic Party leader, to go back to the High Court with an application for contempt proceedings against the Yorkshire miners, who have been served with an injunction restraining them from organizing secondary picketing in defiance of the Employment Act, 1980.

The Iron and Steel Trades Confederation blamed the Government's "dirty tricks department" for bringing about the violence at Orgreave. The union said the objective was to smash the agreement between the Scunthorpe steelworkers and the Yorkshire miners to supply 15,700 tonnes of coal a week to the steel plant.

Miners leaders decided last night to hold a mass rally in London on June 7, with a lobby of parliament.

● Mr Malcolm Pitt, the president of the Kent area of the NUM, was further remanded in custody yesterday when he was refused bail on an obstruction charge at Ramsgate magistrates' court. Mr Pitt made an unsuccessful 15-minute appeal to be released on unconditional bail.

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7.40 am and miners leader is held



Mr Scargill being arrested on the picket line at Orgreave. (Photograph: John Arthur)

Pay deal agreed at Observer

The threat of closure to *The Observer* receded yesterday when the leaders of the 56 printing workers who halted last Sunday's edition agreed a 50p-an-hour pay deal with Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, which gives them about £140 for a 15-hour shift on Saturday.

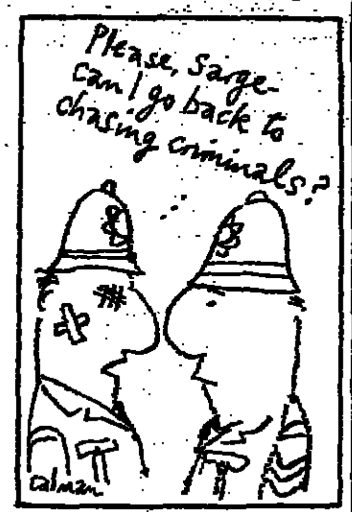
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Another Briton has been arrested in Libya, the sixth to be taken into custody by Colonel Gaddafi's police since the St James's Square siege Page 6

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Mr Harold Cottam, who was wireless operator of the Carpathia, the ship which rescued the survivors of the Titanic after it had sunk on April 12, 1912, has died in Nottingham

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Thatcher condemns picket violence

'Rule of law must prevail'

By Barrie Clement and Stewert Tendler

As violence erupted on the icket lines again yesterday Mrs Margaret Thatcher declared that the rule of law must prevail over the rule of the mob.

The Prime Minister speaking at the stock market at Banbury, Oxfordshire, told farmers that the conflict went to the very heart of our society.

She also condemned the use of voilence and intimidation by those who wish to imose their will on reluctant workers.

After her speech Mrs Thatcher refused to comment on Mr Arthur Scargill's arrest at a coking plant yesterday. But she added: "This is not a matter for me. The police uphold the law impartially and fairly. They are not the servants of any government or political party, the police are the servants of the law."

However, evidence that the police are becoming increasingly restive about their role as peace keepers between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers came yesterday in a speech by Mr Leslie Curtis, the chairman of the Police Federation.

He called on the coal board to seek an order preventing the miners' union from cntinuing its mass campaign of unlawful picketing. In a statement, Mr Curtis asked Mr Ian MacGregor, the coal board chairman: "How much worse will things have to get before you go t court?"



Mr Walker and Dr Owen

He said that for the last 11 weeks the union had mounted a totally illegal campaign of mass demonstrations and secondary picketing. Although the coal board obtained an injunction early in the dispute, it had donne nothing to seek its enforcement.

He feared more deaths on the picket lines: "Unless someone takes action, there iis a strong likelihood that violence will result in more deaths."

He added: "For the first time since the dispute began, e police have ad to wear riot gear to protect themselves from a 6,000

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Iraq claims ship hit in Gulf

From Robert Fisk Bahrain

Despite unpublicised appeals to Iraq from the Gulf states to de-escalate the war, Iraq announced last night that its air force had attacked and hit what it described as "a large naval target" south of Kharg Island, a claim which immediately re-awoke fears that Iran would stage another air strike against Gulf shipping.

An Iraqi radio broadcast said that Iraqi planes had scored "direct and accurate" hits on a ship although the identity of the vessel was not disclosed, nor was there any independent confirmation of the attack.

The 122,000 ton supertanker Atlantic, which is believed to be American-owned, was thought to be in the area of the attack. The vessel had travelled from the United Arab Emirat on Tuesday with a Chinese crew and several journalists on board and was due to leave Kharg with a cargo of oil yesterday.

But no distress calls from any ship had been picked up last night in the Gulf states. Whatever the target, however, the Iraqi statement means that the war in the Gulf sea lanes is going to continue.

While Saudi Arabia and Iraq discussed possible ways of ending the Gulf war yesterday, Ayatollah Khomeini dismissed the possibility of superpower intervention in the conflict, claiming that "America knows it does not have the guts to enter Iran". He warned instead that the US might try to use "agents" to create unrest among Iran's religious leader, a claim that suggested recent reports of arguments about the war among the 'ulema' – the Islamic theologians – might be true.

Addressing Iranian parliamentary deputies at the Jamaran mosque in Tehran, the Ayatollah said that Iran should not be afraid of what he called "the propaganda line and cry" about possible superpower intervention in the Gulf. "What we should be afraid of," he said, "is that their agents inside the country will create difference and rifts among the ulema of various cities."

Reports of dissent among the Iranian clergy about the broadening of the Gulf war are studied carefully – and hopefully – among the Gulf States, where the much publicised but still unsubstantiated Iranian Ramidan offensive against the Iraqi city of Bastra is expected to prompt a renewal of the air attacks against Gulf shipping.

Iraqi radio daily broadcasts reports of an imminent Iranian

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Selling wipes £4.6 billion off shares in biggest-ever fall

By William Kay, City Editor

The London stock market plunged again yesterday, wiping an estimated £4.6 billion off the value of shares, the biggest loss so far in cash terms. Since the market's record peak on May 3, losses total £19 billion, according to Datastream, the City statistical service.

Heavy selling followed a cautious start and share jobbers struggled to cut prices to a level which could stem the tide. Much of the selling came from unit trust groups, reflecting demands for cash by private investors which had arrived through the post since the weekend.

Just before lunch the news agencies reported that Bolivia was the latest South American country to suspend repayment of its international debts. Although relatively small, amounting to £2.5 billion, much of this is owed to American banks which are already in difficulties because of defaults elsewhere.

This started worries about the likely reaction on Wall Street, worries which were intensified when the United States announced a record April trade deficit of £12.2 billion (£8.8 billion). Last month was the fourth in succession to produce a record trade deficit, and follows Tuesday's poor British trade figures.

The *Financial Times* index of 30 leading shares, which was down 3.6 at 10am and 11.3 an hour later, suddenly extended the fall to 21.0 at noon. By the last reading at 5pm it was 22.8 down at 803.4, the biggest one-day closing fall since the day after the February 1974 election. It reached 922.8 on May 3.

If anything, the London market was steadied by a better-than-expected opening on Wall Street. The New York market

FT 30 INDEX
880, 870, 860, 850, 840, 830, 820, 810, 800
May: 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30

was described as "down moderately". The Dow Jones industrial average shed 8.5 at one stage to under 1,093.

A psychological battle was taking place to see whether the Dow could hold the 1,100 level. If it was generally agreed to have given up that struggle, many observers would expect it to continue lower. A similar fight was expected to develop around the *FT*-30 Index's 800 mark.

Later Wall Street stock prices were lower, but blue chip issues staged a late afternoon rally, bringing the Dow closer to the 1,100 level.

The Dow, which had been as low as 1087, was off only 3½ points to over 1097.

Overall, Wall Street losses still led gains three to one, with about 67 million shares traded.

Underlying these movements was a growing fear that an increase in interest rates is imminent on both sides of the Atlantic. British Government stocks fell by around ⅞ of a pound.

Interest rate prospects depressed bank shares, extending quickly to stores on fears that consumer spending may soon be curtailed.

The continuing sore of the miners' strike and the arrest of the NUM president, Mr Arthur Scargill, emphasized the gloomy mood which has descended on the City in the past few weeks.

Amalysis are preparing for further disappointing economic news. Money supply figures, due next week, could provide the occasion for higher interest rates.

In this climate, some of the bigger institutional funds took the view that they should sell while the going was good. This has to some extent proved a self-fulfilling prophecy.

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Top job for Grade at BBC 1

Mr Michael Grade, former director of programmes at London Weekend Television and nephew of Lord Grade, is to become controller of BBC 1 later this year (John Witherow writes).

It is the first time that the corporation has recruited outside the organization of the job – one of the top four positions in BBC Television.

Mr Grade, aged 41, left Britain two years to take up a contract with Embassy Television in California, where he runs his own production company.

Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC Television and an old friend of the Grade family, said last night that "with his background and with his professional reputation, I believe he is the right man at the right time for this extremely important job".

The BBC said that Mr Grade would replace Mr Alan Hart on September 1 and that Mr Hart, who has held the job for four years, would take on as yet unspecified duties in television.

Tass seeks to allay fears on Sakharov

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The Kremlin yesterday broke a 10-day silence on the fate of Dr Andrei Sakharov to claim that he "feels well, takes regular meals and lives an active way of life". It did not say where he was, or whether he had been force-fed after a hunger strike.

The Tass statement appeared to be an attempt to calm growing Western anxiety. Dr Sakharov began a hunger strike on May 2 to protest against the Kremlin refusal to allow his wife, Yelena Bonner, to go to the West for treatment.

The case has been taken up by a series of Western visitors to Moscow, including Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Ministers of West Germany and Australia. Dr Sakharov was exiled to the closed town of Gorky in 1980. Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, said this week that Russia would not be told how to deal with the matter.

Tass implied that Dr Sakharov had been in hospital. He was taken from his home on May 7 and there were reports he had been force-fed, leading to fears that he might die (he has a weak heart). Dissident sources said Mrs Bonner, who joined the hunger strike, had also been taken from their home.

Tass mocked Western fears that Dr Sakharov was dying and said it was absurd that correspondents in Moscow had been "instructed by their bosses to prepare Sakharov obituaries". Even President Reagan had joined "this unseemly farce", and Nato ministers claimed to be concerned.

In fact, the campaign for the Sakharovs had been organized by the CIA, which was evidently suffocating with grief. "Let us comfort the sympathizers" Tass said. "The Soviet Union is not Pre-revolutionaray Russia. It holds leading positions in world science."

By going on hunger strike, Dr Sakharov had hoped to draw attention to his "provocative writings". His wife wanted to travel to Italy to "slander Soviet reality" in the West rather than for medical treatment.

Heads vote to end daily assemblies

Head teachers have come out in favour of changing the law so that schools do not have to hold daily assemblies and daily acts of worship.

The heads believe the changes would give them greater flexibility in meeting the needs of a multi-cultural society. It would end the present situation where heads are in danger of breaking the law.

The National Associaion of Head Teachers' conference at Brighton overwhelmingly carried a resolution yesterday endorsing the main recommendations of one of its working parties on religious education.

The working party recommends a change in the 1944 Education Act, which says the school day in every county and voluntary school should begin with a collective single act of worship unless premises make it impractible.

Instead, the working party recommends that assemblies of all pupils should e held "at least once a week." The nature and frequency of the acts of worship would be determined by the governors in consultation with the head.

Religious Instruction would be renamed Religious Education and would continue to be compulsory

Mr Frank Grimshaw, chairman of the working party, said the recommendations were not "drastic revolutionary measures". They were sensible proposals which would bring flexibility for schools

Some delegates complained that the recommendations were inadequate and urged their rejection for further consideration. But the main opposition came from Mr John Holmes of Hallam Middle School in Sheffield.

He said: "You are putting your fate in the hands of governors."

Transvaal blacks turn to Queen for help

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

A black farming community in the Eastern Transvaal which the South African Government wants to resettle in a tribal reserve, has written to the Queen asking that she or Mrs Thatcher should intercede on their behalf when Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, visits Britain on Saturday. They say the land was given to them in 1904 in the name of King Edward VII.

"We believed this land was ours for ever. Accordingly we have made our home here, developed the land, built schools, and have lived in peace. Now the South African Government wants us to move away from here", the petitioners state.

They say they fear the Government "may go ahead with this removal at any moment".

They add: "We love this land of ours. It has two rivers and very good, rich soil. We own tractors and we plough maize and beans and often sell our surplus. We also own large herds of cattle and they are fat and healthy. Our ancestors are buried here and we are able to tend their graves".

The letter, which was sent last Thursday, is signed by Mr Moses Ngema and six other members of the Ngema clan on behalf of 155 or so Swazi and Zulu families living at KwaNgema village. Mr Ngema, who claims to speak for the majority of inhabitants, has also sent a separate letter to Mrs Thatcher.

In this he points out that under South African land law of 1913 and 1936, 87 per cent of the country is reserved for whites and 13 per cent blacks, and the blacks still owning land in white areas are being moved into the so-called tribal "homelands" and deprived of their South African citizenship.

"Please intercede with our Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha, to leave us to continue our peaceful productive lfe at KwaNgema and to stop all foeced removals of black people from their homes", Mr Ngema concluses his letter to Mrs Thatcher.

One of the reasons that has been given for resettling the KwaNgema community is the building of a dam nearby. The villagers say, however, that this will only flood a small part of their land and that they could easily move their homes, where affected, to higher ground.

● LONDON: A spokesman for Buckingham Palace said yesterday, the letter from the Ngema community had not yet been received. When it was it would be referred to the Foreign Office for advice, the spokesman said.

Kent miners force way into NCB offices

By David Nicholson-Lord

Thirty Kent miners occupied the National Coal Board's headquarters in central London yesterday, forcing their way past police officers and doormen and barricading themselves into first floor offices overlooking the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

The occupation, which was planned beore the arrest of Mr Arthur Scargill in Yorkshire, began at 8am and ended peacefully at 11.40am when the men marched out between police lines, waving, grinning, and giving the victory salute.

The men, from Betteshanger, Snowdon, and Tilmanstone collieries, had spent the morning at the windows of the Coal Board's industrial relations offices, draping posters outside, addressing police officers, the press, and a constant stream of traffic through a loudhailer and shouting "Free Arthur Scargill".

The men later had talks with Mr Ned Smith, the NCB's head of industrial relations, and originally insisted that they would not leave until Mr Scargill was released.

But Mr Charles Sheavilles, the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) branch official who led the occupation, said afterwards it was "just a coincidence" that Mr Scargill had been arrested at the same time.

Mr Ian MacGregor, the coal board chairman, was not in the building at the time. The NCB said later that only slight damage had been done to the front door.

Three miners were arrested outside the building. A policeman and a doorman were slightly injured and the Kent men said one miner suffered a broken finger. Police warned one man that he might be prosecuted for allegedly punching an officer.

● A report published yesterday on the policing of the coalfields in the present dispute concludes that the police have been employed simply as strikebreakers. It recommends that the NUM and other unions should set up a public committee of inquiry.

A State of Siege, for the Yorkshire Area Executive of the NUM, by Susan Miller and Martin Walker.

● Working miners in Nottinghamshire have formed an organization to help victims of intimidation during the coal dispute, it was revealed yesterday. The Nottinghamshire Working Miners' Committee will help uninsured householders to pay for damage to homes allegedly caused in attacks by striking miners.

Teachers' union steps up action with strike plan for eight areas

By Richard Garner of *The Times Educational Supplement*

Leaders of the second largest teachers' union announced last night that they will step up strike action over their pay claim from next Monday.

The 120,000-strong National Associaon of School Masters and Union of Women Teachers said it would call out teachers in eight local education authorities as part of a continuing series of half day strikes.

The union said that its action was likely to affect almost 40,000 children in each area every day.

Until now strike action by the union has been concentrated on Leeds, which includes the constituency of Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, and on Hampshire, the home of Mr Philip Meridale, the management's leader in pay negotiations, and on Cambridgeshire and South Glamorgan.

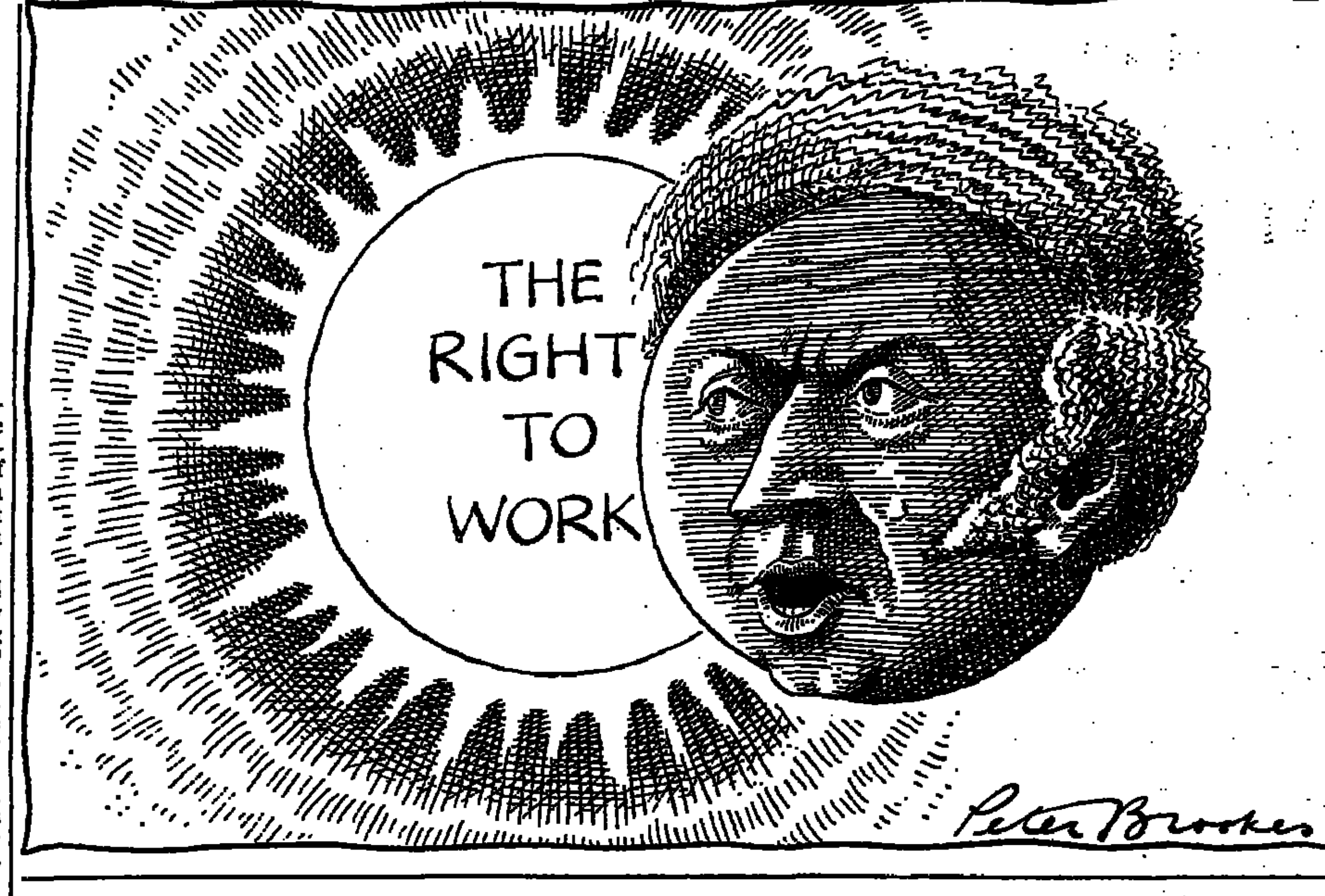
Teachers in these authorities will be taking strike action again next week and Essex, North Tyneside, Staffordshire and an unnamed fourth authority, have also been selected as targets.

Mr Frederick Smethies, the union's general secretary, condemned the refusal by both the Government and the Conservative-controlled Association of County Councils – which has a majority on the management side in negotiations – to accept arbitration.

The 235,000-strong National Union of Teachers has already announced that it plans to bring out 5,250 of its members in 50 local education authorities on a three-day strike from next Tuesday. Teachers will only be exempted from the strike while taking examination classes.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Head Teachers is due to debate an emergency motion on the dispute at its annual conference in Brighton today. The motion deplores the conduct of the education authorities and the "negative influence" of Sir Keith Joseph in refusing to press for arbitration.

The management side is due to meet on June 11 to review the dispute, but there has been no indication that it is prepared to increase its 4.5 per cent offer or to go to arbitration.



Ferries crippled in Sealink protest

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Ferry services were disrupted yesterday as the National Union of Seamen began a 48-hour strike in protest at the sale of the state-owned Sealink to private investors.

Thousands arrived at Channel ports to find their sailings had been cancelled. But operators were trying to make alternative arrangements with companies operating vessels with foreign crews.

Last night seamen's leaders were claiming 100 per cent support for the stoppage, which affected the services of Townsend Thoresen, P & O, as well as Sealink. All 7,000 British ferry seamen had stopped work by the evening, said an NUS spokesman, althougth there were reports of at least one sailing.

The union's executive is planning an emergency meeting to assess the effectiveness of the strike and to consider the response, if any, of the Government.

Mr Sam McCluskie, assistant general secretary, said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher would either have to guarantee Sealink jobs and services, or drop the plan to sell the company.

Mr Jim Slater, general secretary, said that the strike could be followed by far harsher action if there was no change of policy.

The Government hopes to sell Sealink by the end of next month, at an estimated prices of £70m – but with the probable loss of about 2,000 jobs, according to the union.

An NUS official admitted that there were problems with some P & O crews earlier in the day. Eventually, however, there was a decision to join the strike

All travellers using cross-Channel routes were urged to get in touch with their tour operators or ferry companies to get the latest news.

Continental ferry operators will not run extra services because their crews have reciprocal agreements with the NUS.

D-Day celebrations

War widows disgusted at last-minute offer of trip

By Alan Hamilton

Mrs Margaret Saddington, a war widow, was, in her own words, over the moon yesterday when she learned that the Ministry of Defence would be flying her to Normandy next Wednesday to take part in the fortieth anniversary celebrations of D-Day.

But, in common with many other women in her position, she expressed disappointment bordering on disgust at the way the families of the men who died on the beaches of France had nearly been forgotten.

Mrs Saddington, aged 76, was contacted at her home at St Paul's Cray, Kent, by the War Widow's Association, and invited to visit her husband's grave in Bayeux cemetery.

She will be one of 50 widows taken for the day in a last-minute change of mind by the Government, which until the beginning of this week had made no plans to include war widows in Wednesday's multinational commemoration.

"It's about time somebody found out that we are still alive", Mr Saddington said. "It is a disgrace that we have had to wait for 40 years to get any kind of recognition at all. We have been forgotten all this time: no government has lifted a finger to enable us to go back and see our husbands' graves."

Leading Seaman Ernest Saddington died in the first wave of Normandy landings, although his widow has never discovered exactly where or when. She has been to Normandy once, immediately after the end of hostilities in 1945, when she used her husband's modest life insurance policy to take herself and her son to see his grave, which at that time still had no proper headstone.

Mrs Saddington spent yesterday getting herself a passport. On Tuesday she will board a train, with a free ticket, to Waterloo, and spend a night in a London hotel at Ministry of Defence expense before being taken by coach to Northolt for a flight to Caen, where she will watch some of the day's events and be taken to the war cemetery at Bayeux.



Mrs Margaret Saddington: "A disgrace".

The two leading associations of war widows both expressed anger last night at the Government's handling of the D-Day anniversary. Mrs Iris Strange, president of British War Widows and Associates, with 300 members, said that Wednesday's events, at which the Queen will lead the British representation, were "nothing more than a shindig for the top brass to posture

"Had they organized this properly and sincerely, the Government would have given pride of place to the veterans, the war disabled, and the widows", Mrs Strange said.

Mrs Helen Rosbottom, of the War Widows' Association, which claimed more than 3,000 members, said that her organization had applied two months ago for war widows to be given a proper role in the commemoration ceremonies, but it had been met with blank refusal.

Russians denounce 'US show'

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet press yesterday attacked planned Western celebrations next week of the fortieth anniversary of the Allied landings in Normandy in 1944 and said the invasion was of far less importance than the fighting on the Russian front.

Commentaries on D-Day also said that Western leaders had delayed the D-Day offensive so that Germany could inflict the maximum damage on Soviet forces, and staged the lndings only when they feared that Moscow might beat Hitler single-handed.

Leaders of the nations involved in the June 6 invasion, including President Reagan, the Queen and President Mitterrand of France are to take part in a commemoration on the Normandy beaches.

The Soviet weekly, *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, called the event an "American show" designed to give the impression that the United States saved Europe from the Nazis and was now protecting it from the communists.

The official news agency, Tass, quoted a military historian, Mr Yuri Plotnikov, as saying that the Allies had delayed the opening of the "second front" for two-and-a-half years so that Moscow would bear the brunt of the fighting.

Labour MP joins in Morning Star fight

By Patricia Clough

The Communist party's struggle to regain control over the *Morning Star* came to a head with a meeting between the party's political committee and the newspaper's managing committee last night.

The long dispute between the more liberal party leaders and the traditionalists who dominate the newspaper threatened to become an open battle at the annual general meetings next week of the People's Press Printing Society, its publishers.

On Tuesday, the *Morning Star's* management committee declared out of order a resolution by the party executive which demanded the replacement of the editor and assistant editor. It also wanted a return to the practice where the two posts were filled on the party's executive committee recommendation and by people from that committee.

The executive wanted the editor, Mr Tony Chater, and Mr David Whitfield, replaced by Mr Chris Myant and M Frank Chalmers and named five candidates it wants appointed to the 15-strong management committee.

Yesterday, the management committee named its candidates for the committee, including four trade unionists, the newspaper's circulation manager and Mr Ernest Roberts, Labour MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington.

The newspaper recommended its candidates on the basis of their support for the management committee's modernising survival plan without which, it said, the *Morning Star* would be forced to stop trading.

The Communist party is expected to make a statement

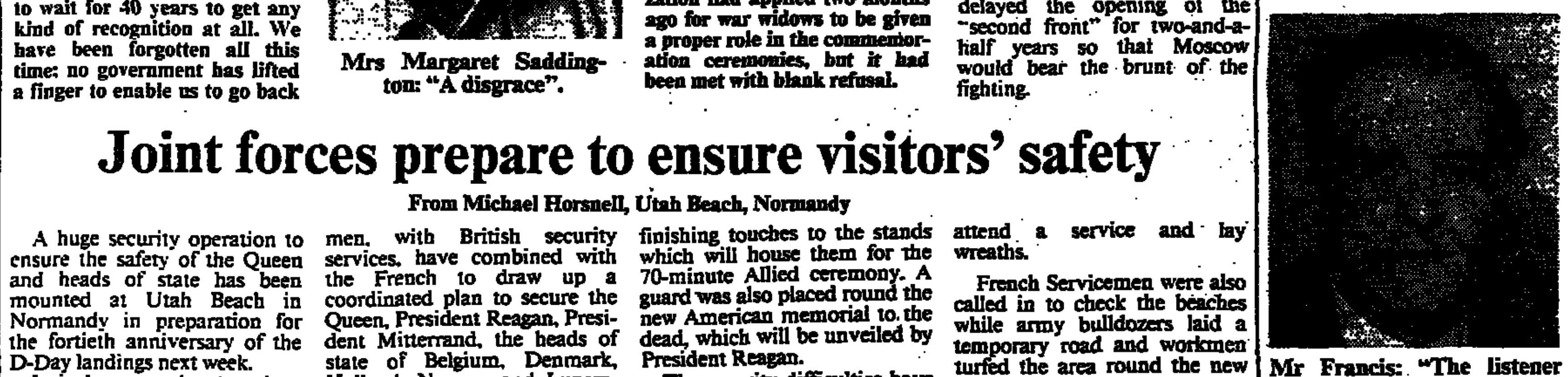
● Mr Roberts's involvement surprised several Labour Party senior figures. One Labour MP said that it was outrageous he took part in a factional Communist Party struggle (Our Political Editor writes).

There was no comment from the office of Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader. The party's London headquarters said it was a personal matter for Mr Roberts.

A generation ago, to give active support to the *Morning Star's* predecessor, *The Daily Worker* or to contribute articles to it, would have been regarded by many Labour Party members as equivalent to sharing a Communist Party platform.

Joint forces prepare to ensure visitors' safety

From Michael Horsnell, Utah Beach, Normandy



A huge security operation to ensure the safety of the Queen and heads of state has been mounted at Utah Beach in Normandy in preparation for the fortieth anniversary of the D-Day landings next week.

It is here, at the American invasion beach between La Madeleine and Varreville where the 4th US Division landed on June 6, 1944, that the main international celebration will occur.

United States secret servicemen, with British security services, have combined with the French to draw up a coordinated plan to secure the Queen, President Reagan, President Mitterrand, the heads of state of Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Norway and Luxembourg, and the Canadian Prime Minister.

Yesterday, 240 armed French police, some positioned in the sand dunes, were guarding roads and the immediate beach area as workmen put the finishing touches to the stands which will house them for the 70-minute Allied ceremony. A guard was also placed round the new American memorial to the dead, which will be unveiled by President Reagan.

The security difficulties have been eased by the Queen's decision to fly to Utah Beach by helicopter, despite her aversion to the idea, from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery at Bayoux where she and President Mitterrand will attend a service and lay wreaths.

French Servicemen were also called in to check the beaches while army bulldozers laid a temporary road and workmen turfed the area round the new monument.

A police spokesman, who was preventing press photographers from taking photographs of the site, said "Nothing moves round here without our knowing".

Mr Francis: "The listener would be the loser".

Clash over radio stations

By David Hewson

The BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority publicly disagreed last night about the prospects for a new band of community radio stations which would probably cover several existing pirate stations.

Mr John Thompson, the IBA;s head of radio, told a public meeting that he believed some community radio groups could have a strong case to be licensed.

But Mr Richard Francis, the BBC's managing director of radio, set the corporation implacably against the scheme, which the Government is expected to consider next year.

Mr Thompson said, at a meeting of the audience ginger group, Voice of the Listener, that there needed to be a crucial distinction between genuine community stations and the pirates of today.

Mr Francis said there would be real problems finding wavelengths on the VHF band to accommodate a new tier

Bathgate ultimatum as buyer emerges

A possible buyer for the BL lorry and engine plant at Bathgate emerged yesterday as the management issued an ultimatum to its 1,800 workers to return to work or the plant would be closed immediately.

A tractor firm, Marshall of Lincolnshire, has told BL that it is interested in buying and operating part of the engine-manufacturing facility at Bathgate.

Workers have been occupying the factory for a week since BL announced that it would close the plant in two years with the loss of all 1,800 jobs.

The management has also said that unless the sit-in ended redundancy payments would be withdrawn.

Mr Les Wharton, the managing director of Leyland Trucks, said he viewed Marshall's approach as totaly credible, although it would not secure all the jobs in the engine plant.

However, he added: "It is impossible to start discussions with them or with any other potential purhaser while the current industrial action continues."

Marshall bought Leyland's tractor business in 1981 and transferred it from Bathgate to the South amid controversy. The firm is an impartial customer for Bathgate-built engines. It uses a four-cylinder 98 Series engine and is planning to use a six-cylinder version in a new range of higher powered tractors.

Mr Charles Nickerson, the chairman and managing director of Marshall, said: "We have been delighted with the quality and performance of the engines we have received from Bathgate since we acquired the tractor business. The agreement was signed around the long-term availability of the 98 Series engine.

"We would be extremely reluctant to have to fit alternative engines, although such a course of action would clearly be inevitable if the strike at Bathgate were to continue. We also hope that we can find a way of continuing engine operations at Bathgate after 1986."

The Bathgate union convenor, Mr Jim Swan, said when he heard there was a potential buyer: "We started this occupation to save 1,800 jobs. There is no way I would recommend coming out until we have cast iron guarantees that the jobs will be saved."



Father's baby plea

Mr Paul Brown (above), the father of the missing 17-day-old baby, Louise, made a plea yesterday for the safe return of his daughter.

Mr Brown, aged 30, a roofing contractor, was persuaded by the police to face the press. Speaking very quietly, he said: "We want Louise back. Susan and I are stunned. Susan is still under sedation.

Reporters started to question him about what happened when Louise was abducted on Monday from outside a post office in Battersea, south London. But when he was asked to speak up he stood up and left the room

The police have been trying to persuade Mr Brown to make a public appeal since Monday.

Nissan rouses new fear

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

Nissan, the Japanese vehicle manufacturer, is aiming to sell up to 80 per cent of the cars from its British assembly plant in the British market, a company official said yesterday.

That is towards the top end of most industry estimates and is likely to arouse fears again about the damage that the plant could do to British manufacturers such as BL. The plant is being built at Washington New Town in north east England with the promise of up to £112m of government cash.

Mr Mitsuya Goto, general manager of Nissan's European corporate office, said in London that the Japanese company's distributors in Britain believed that the 80 per cent target was feasible.

Assuming that Nissan agrees to go ahead with the second phase of its two-stage British development, that would mean that only 20,000 of the plant's eventual planned output of 100,000 cars a year would be destined for export markets.

Inquiry into 'cover-up' by RUC

From Richard Ford
Belfast

A deputy chief constable from Britain is to conduct an inquiry into allegations of an RUC cover-up of events leading to the shooting of two terrorists in Northern Ireland.

Mr John Stocker of the Greater Manchester police force is to head the investigation into "matters arising" out of the trial last month of PC John Robinson, aged 29.

He was acquitted at Belfast Crown Court of the murder of Seamus Grew, who, with a fellow Irish National Liberation Army member, Roderick Carroll, was shot dead in Armagh City when police fired

During the trial, PC Robinson said that senior RUC offices invented a story of events leading to the shooting. It was designed to conceal security forces surveillance activities and that RUC special branch officers had operated in the Republic, he said.

A diplomatic incident followed, with the Republic's Government receiving an aopology.

But Sir John Herman, the Chief Constable, was angry that he was not told of the decision to apologise.

Iranians ask to stay in UK

Four military representatives at the Iranian Embassy in London have declined to return to their country and have applied to the Home Office for an extension of their permits to stay in Britain.

The diplomats, who include the naval attaché, Captain Vahab-Zadegan, give personal grounds as their reason for wanting to stay. However, political reasons are generally thought to be the real ones.

Captain Vahab-Zadegan, who left his post at the embassy in January, is angry at press reports alleging that he informed the British police on the existence of an Iranian "hit squad" and a list of exiles who were to be assassinated before June 5. He fears that his life, and those of his family in Iran, have been placed in danger by such reports.

Two weeks ago, Britain expelled an Iranian and three Arabs from the country. The police have also advised some Iranian journalists and former generals of the Iranian Army under the late Shah to take special precautions because lives might be threatened by pro-Khomeini terrorists.

Armed Special Branch officers, have also raided a building at 31 Draycott Place, Chelsea, London, that is mostly used by the Iranian Embassy for convalescing Revolutionary Guards after surgery in London for wounds received in the Gulf war with Iran.

The Office for the Export of the Revolution, a propaganda branch of the Revolutionary Guards Corps in Tehran, is reported to have instructed the Iranian Embassy in London to issue 200 visas to Muslim activists to spend their summer holidays receiving military training in Iran. They then return without the details of their journey appearing in the their passports.

Security arms ban on foreigners at summit

By Tony Samstag

Foreign security teams at next week's economic summit in London will be unarmed, the Metropolitan Police said yesterday.

The ban on arms extended even to President Reagan's personal bodyguard and had been agreed by all concerned, including diplomatic staff when outside their diplomatic buildings, added Mr Robert Innes, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, who is heading one of the largest and most complex security operations ever seen in the capital.

Security for seven heads of state or government, 16 ministers, and the president of the Commission of the European Communities was "clearly the responsibility of the Metropolitan Police".

The number of dignitaries and others requiring protection, including about 1,000 officials and 3,000 journalists, made this a unique occasion.

Some British police and security forces would, of course, be carrying guns; but any discussion of security in depth would undermine that security itself, Mr Innes said.

Scheduled CND demonstrations were seen as "a threat more to the dignity than the security of the event", although the police intended to stop some of the demonstrators from getting too close to Lancaster House on June 9, the day of the summit conference.

The CND demonstration in London last October, when a quarter of a million people had been on the streets, had been so free of incident as to be "almost awe-inspiring".

Planning for the security operation began last autumn, Mr Innes said.

'Risk of more Bettaneys' warning by ex-MI5 agent

By Kenneth Gosling

Michael Bettaney's motives for trying to pass secrets to the Soviet Union, for which he was sentenced last month to 23 years in prison, included his objections to what he saw as the widening targets of domestic surveillance and Britain's attempts to undermine Soviet society.

Those reasons are given by a former MI5 colleague, Miss Miranda Ingram, in an article in this week's *New Society* magazine, in which she gives a warning that unless the reasons for what he did are discovered "there may be more Michael Bettaneys".

Miss Ingram also calls on the Security Commission to recommend public accountability for the service: something, she says, that is possible without compromising its operations.

"There are those in M15 at the moment", she writes, "who would support this move."

"The objections will come from those who revel in their secret world and who want to hang on to the glamour: from those who have come to believe in the innate superiority of M15 agents and share a distrust of outsiders . . ."

Discussing the question of subversion, Miss Ingram says that some officers are concerned about the lack of flexible debate in determining policy. She points out that in "the prevailing right-wing atmosphere" an officer who dissents from the official line does not feel encouraged to voice his concern.

To do so would be futile or detrimental to his careeer: the choices are to leave the job or keep quiet.

She says that because dissent is not drawn out into open debate, it may eventually seek a clandestine outlet. That might take the form of a leak. Or, in a more extreme case (such as Bettaney), it can grow into a desire to undermine seriously the security service itself.

Sale room

Shakespeare poem sold for £129,600

By Huon Mallalieu

"Bid me discourse, I will enchant thine ear" or at least jangle it with the mingled strains of the cash register and typographical scholarship.

Early editions of any of Shakespeare's works are rare and problematical. His first publication, the poem *Venus and Adonis*, survives in only thirteen complete and six fragmentary copies of the various editions issued between 1593 and 1620.

Until yesterday only one had been sold this century, a 1599 version which made the remarkable sum of £15,100 in 1919. Yesterday Christie's offered a second, this time dated 1602, which sold to the London dealer Maggs for £129,600 (estimate £60,000 to £70,000).

Although there is a similiar edition in the British Library, which is known to have sold for £42 in 1819, this was the only complete copy issued before 1636 which was known to have remained in private hands. It was sold on behalf of Lord Parker, whose ancestor, the first Earl of Macclesfield, had acquired it at the turn of the eighteenth century.

The sale of printed books and manuscripts produced a total of £392,650, with 16 per cent bought in.

At Phillips, the sale of a collection of silver boxes and similar items, including many made to commemorate Nelson, Wellington and Napoleon, made £35,570, with only 1 per cent bought in. The most expensive was a silver-gilt vinaigrette of 1805 celebrating the Battle of Trafalgar.

In New York on Tuesday evening, Sotheby's held the successful first session of s sale of Lain American paintings, drawings, and sculpture. This produced $3,600,465, or £2,590,263, with 14 per cent bought in.

In selling for $429,000, or £308,633, *The Flower Vendor*, which the Mexican Diego Rivera, painted for Paulette Goddard in 1941, established a record not only for the artist's work, but for any Latin American painting. It had carried an estimate of $180,000 to $250,000.



Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.80; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100



Working women expect to return to jobs after having families

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

More than nine in ten childless women under the age of 30 expect to return to work after they become mothers, according to a government survey published yesterday.

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys found that 27 per cent of young childless women firmly expect to resume their jobs after a short maternity leave. The rest expect to give up work for several years until their youngest child goes to school. Only 4 per cent never expect to return.

The survey, of more than 5,500 women, indicates that women's place in the labour market is firmly entrenched even though few spend their lives in continuous employment.

Women's jobs are predominatly in service industries, especially catering, cleaning, and hairdressing, clerical work, and public sector jobs in health, education, and the social services.

The survey found that 63 per cent of adult women went out to work, with 35 per cent employed full-time and 28 per cent part-time. About 52 per cent of women with children under 16 worked.

Women, the survey says, have a clear financial stake in their jobs and the great majority enjoy work outside the home.

About 35 per cent of working women said that they needed the income for food, rent, or mortgage payments and 14 per cent said they worked to earn money of their own.

Who does the housework?

	Working wives say (%)	Husbands say (%)
Wife does all	20	13
Wife does most	47	54
Half and half	32	32
Husband does most	1	1
Husband does all	0	0

Who cares for children when mother is at work?

	%
Husband	47
Older brother or sister	4
Grandmother	34
Other relative	9
Childminder (in her home)	16
Nanny	4
Friend or neighbour	3
Employer's nursery or creche	1
Public pursery or creche	6
Private nursery or creche	2
Playgroup	3

Some women made more than one arrangement

However, few thought that working was normal.

Because of their work pattern, only 61 per cent of women employees could have joined a trade union at work. In fact, only 41 per cent belonged. That proportion dropped sharply among part-time workers.

The survey found that two thirds of women worked at jobs in which women were colleagues, in other words jobs traditionally done by women.

It was in the predominantly white-collar jobs done by men that women's pay and conditions are similar to those of men. Overall, about 15 per cent of wives receive the same or higher hourly earnings as their husbands.

The report says that women's attitued to work differ markedly from men's.

"Girls tend to make educational, training and job choices on the assumption they will be wives and mothers. They will have a working life interrupted for childbirth and child rearing, usually characterized by partial employment so as to enable them to do the domestic work involved in looking after a husband, children, and a home."

Women do not think work unimportant, rather their priorities are different. Young childless women are less attracted to work "because they feel" the pull of anticipated domesticity. However, once women have children, their interest in work heightens.

Even then, women have different criteria about work from men. Especially important are convenient hours of work.

The survey, undertaken in 1980, gives some clues about how the recession affected women. Only a small percentage of women who are not working consider themselves "unemployed".

Excluding those not looking for work for family or other reasons, only half of the remainder thought themselves unemployed. One third had registered as unemployed.

Women and Employment: A Lifetime Perspective by Jean Martin and Ceridwen Roberts (Stationery Office: £9.50).



Ticket to ride: Alan Whicker getting the first Pinpoint ticket at Euston yesterday.

Credit card machine speeds rail tickets

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

The first machine capable of issuing rail tickets automatically to credit card holders has been installed at Euston station in London, and if successful will be extended nationally.

Holders of Barclaycard, Barclays Premier Card, or other approved cards, will be able to buy tickets to the 27 busiest stations in the country.

The machine wil dispense the type of ticket required: weekend, away-day, period return, single, and any other special offers. Up to four adults' and four children's tickets can be purchased in one transaction and each card has a credit limit of £150 a day.

The machines, made by the American company NCR, are called Pinpoint and can be programmed by Barclaycard to prevent their use with stolen cards.

The scheme will run for about 12 months, to allow British Rail to evaluate the public's response. More than 100,000 ticket purchases were made by Barclaycard holders at Euston last year. The dispensers will help to reduce the queues and mountains of paper generated during an ordinary credit card sale.

Fuel prices may affect holiday guarantees

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

No-surcharge guarantees, now common for package holidays, may be modified for next summer's foreign breaks if Middle East hostilities threaten to raise the prices of fuel to the airlines.

Thomson Holidays, market leader in the industry, is reviewing its surcharges policy and will make a decision on the summer of 1985 in July, Mr John MacNeill, Thomson's managing director, said yesterday.

But Thomson is maintaining its full no-surcharge guarantee for this winter's holidays, for which it announced its plans yesterday with a jump of 43 per cent in the number of holidays on offer at more than 500,000.

Horizon – after Thomson the largest winter holiday operator – said last week that its guarantee would be subject to any fuel increases occasioned by the Middle East hostilities.

Other big tour operators, including Intasun, and Cosmos, will disclose their policies on no-surcharge guarentees within the next few weeks when they bring out their winter broucures.

Thomson is fighting hard on prices for next winter. Its average increase is claimed to be slightly more that 5 per cent.

About 1.5 million holidays are expected to be taken next winter, a 5 per cent on last year. Thomson's target is to increase its market share from 26 per cent last winter to 29 per cent.

Thomson is among those in the industry who are starting to revise downwards estimates of growth in this summer's package holidays market. Overall, the market was now a tenth ahead of last summer

So many operators had been working on a market growth of 15 per cent or more, the more modest growth rate could mean more discounted holidays nearer the high season months.

Horizon's recently launched budget holidays subsidiary, Broadway, brought out yesterday a supplementary list of holidays promoted as a summer sale. Price are lower by £40 and include holidays in Corfu, Crete, Tenerife, and Majorca.

Horizon, whose market shares fell last summer, is claiming a 30 per cent increase in bookings for this summer.

Savoy Hotel takes charge of Wilton's

By Philip Robinson

One of London's oldest restaurants, Wilton's in Jermyn Street, which enjoys a reputation for fish and game, is being managed by the Savoy Hotel.

It is the first time the hotel in the Strand has provided head cook and bottlewasher for anything it does not own outright.

In exchange for taking control of ordering food, wine, hiring staff and maintaining the 90-seater restaurant's 200-year-old reputation, Savoy Management has taken a 5 per cent stake in the business, with the promise of a further 5 per cent in two years. It will take a proportion of net profits a management fee.

Mr Giles Shepard, managing director of the Savoy group and chairman of Savoy Management said: "I have been thinking about this for some time. Bringing our hotel and catering expertise to outside restaurants is new for us. We are looking at two or three others but there is nothing close."



The Savoy was invited to take a stake after when the restaurant moved from Bury Street this year. Refurbishing the Jermyn Street property cost more than £500,000 and could not be met by the majority holders at the time, the Hambros family, one of the City's famous marchanting banking families, which had owned the restaurant since 1941.

It was decided to sell shares, which meant that the family's stake was reduced from 70 to 30 per cent.

Mr Hambros said yesterday: "There's been a Wilton's restaurant in London since around 1700. My grandfather Olaf, who was a great fish eater, brought it into the family. The story goes that during the war when it was in King Street he was eating there.

"A bomb dropped in Piccadilly and the West Country lady who owned the place said her nerve had gone and she was going back to the country. He bought it for around £1,500.

Record 20m vehicles on the road

Traffic on Britain's roads topped 20 million vehicles for the first time last year (Our Transport Editor writes).

The bigest growth was in large-engined cars despite the fuel crisis, latest statistics from the Department of Transport show. Imported cars also showed a big growth, from 42 to 45 per cent of the total, although British manufacturers have recently recovered.

The stock of motor cycles and mopeds fell from 1.4 million to 1.3 million. Heavy goods vehicles increased by 3 per cent, to 565,000 vehicles.

Job-seeker lied to help mother

A schoolboy, Linden Blackstock, was so anxious to help his mother out of "desperate financial trouble" that he lied about his age to get part-time work. But it led to his appearance at the Central Criminal Court yesterday where his counsel, Mr John Penry explained the "cruel irony" of his position.

His mother has turned him out because he could not get a full-time job and help to support her. Mr Blackstock, now aged 18, was given an absolute discharge when he admitted obtaining work by deception at Safeways Store, Kensington High Street, in August, 1982.

New idea beats crime, says Hurd

More than half the police forces in England and Wales have started or are planning neighbourhood watch schemes, bringing police officers and communities closer together in crime prevention, a police and local authority conference in Torquay was told yesterday.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Home Office, said the figures showed "the breaking through of a new idea". In some areas crime had been reduced by 30 per cent.

Doctors angered over pay review

The British Medical Association urged Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday to publish the recommendations of the review body on their pay, and to honour the award.

The doctors are alarmed at reports that while the review body has recommended an increase of about 7 per cent, Mrs Thatcher is planning to award 3 per cent now and the remainder later in the year.

Equal pensions

There is overwhelming public support for men and women to have the same pension age, preferably 60, and a clear willingness to pay for it through extra contributions, the Equal Opportunities Commission said yesterday.

Call for advance in mental health care

By Nichols Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Thousands of mentally ill patients are being discharged from hospital into overcrowded, understaffed, and under-equipped private homes and hotels which are more concerned about making profits than providing care, the Confederation of Health Service Employees said yesterday.

In a report on the future of psychiatric care, the union argues that the present split in responsibility between the health service and local authority social service departments for providing "community care" for the mentally ill has proved an unmitigated disaster in many cases.

The health service, it says, should be given extra funds to provide an integrated service in hospitals and the community for the mentally ill, handicapped, and elderly – funded, in effect, as a National Health and Social Service".

At present, the handing over of further responsibility for providing the services to local authorities "would be a gamble with the lives and welfare of thousands of people", the union said.

Mr Harry Packham, associate director of nursing services at Goodmayes Hospital, Essex, and an author of the report, said that far from all private homes were bad. But where standards were bad, local authorities faced serious difficulties. Court action demanding improvements took months, and withdrawing a home's licence left the local authority with the problem of where to put patients.

In Southend, he said, one owner of a private home had dumped five patients discharged to him from Goodmayes Hospital on the doorstep of the local authority when he was threatened with legal action.

Patients who had been discharged from inland psychiatric hospitals to seaside towns where private homes had mushroomed faced particular difficulties, he said.

The Health Advisory Service, the Government's advisory body on mental illness services, was now telling health authorities that they should not send staff to follow up such patients.

"They are saying it is a waste of community staff to travel miles outside the district

Broken marriages to be recorded by doctors

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Family doctors are being given a new set of codes to record broken engagements and marriages, bankruptcies, the loss of a job, and bereavements in a revised coding of diseases and treatments suitable for use on a computer.

The recording of important "life events" have been added to the standard International Classification of Diseases by the Royal College of General Practitioners because such events can trigger illness later.

The events are worth recording "because they may well have an influence on health and welfare at a later date. Examples are the death of a spouse and a woman's final menstruation", the College says.

Using the international code, doctors can record conditions and illneses from wax in the ear and arthritis to homosexuality and drug addiction (both listed under mental disorders) and heart disease.

Dr Clifford Kay, head of the College's research unit, said the codings could be used to recall and monitor particular groups of patients and to allow doctors to compare their treatment with that by other doctors.

Add comfort to M-ways, says RAC

By Clifford Webb
Motoring Correspondent

The Department of Transport's failure to include service areas in its original plans for London's orbital motorway, the M25, means that all 121 miles will be in use before a single sevice area is built, the RAC said yesterday.

It added that up to 100,000 cars an hour would be using the M25 when it is completed in two years' time, making it the busiest route in Britain, if not in Europe.

The RAC is pressing the department to drop its insistence on huge service areas offering "all things to all travellers" and to supplement them with smaller "comfort stations" or picnic areas of the type used on German autobahns and French autoroutes.

It wants them introduced on all motorways because the cost of running the big service areas has made them unpopular with operators and left big gaps in the network.

An editorial article in the latest issue of *Road and Car* RAC's magazine for members, said: "Originally intended to have service areas every 25 miles (no more than half an hour's driving time), our somewhat patchwork system of motorways can now involve a continous journey of up to 130 miles without any access to what Americans call 'a comfort station'".

The Department of Transport said last night that service areas had been planned on the M25 at Dartford and South Mimms.

Pupils 'manipulated' in peace studies

By Kenneth Gosling

Children are being politically manipulated through the introduction in schools of courses in peace studies, the authors of a survey say today.

Lady Cox, a trustee of the National Council for Educational Standards, and Dr Roger Scruton, reader in philosophy at Birkbeck College, London University, argue that the courses have behind them a political campaign aimed at implanting unilateralist sentiment in the minds of people young enough to receive it uncritically.

They conclude: "We deny that peace studies can constitute a clearly defined subject at any level. In particular, we believe that peace studies is not a respectable subject for a first degree and is even less respectable, indeed, downright disreputable, as a part of the school curriculum."

They argue that parents should have the right to insist that the issues of war and peace should be taught only as an optional subject outside class time, and in such a way to reflect a variaty of viewpoints.

A teacher responding to the call to introduce "peace studies" must, they say, inevitably turn to the available source material. "But since hardly any recognized educational body offers guidelines, the activists have a field day."

The Teachers for Peace "resource list", they add, has addresses of 120 peace organizations which frequently coincide, at 9 Poland Street or 11 Goodwin Street, the address of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

The survey, published by the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies as one of a series of analyses covering questions of national and Western security, examines the postgraduate school of peace studies at Bradford University.

Peace Studies: A Critical Survey (published by Alliance Publishers for IEDSS, 13/14 Golden Square, London W1R 3AG: £2.50).

Optimism over £49 air fare to Amsterdam

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

The new £49 air fare from London to Amsterdam may go ahead in July after a move by the Dutch Government yesterday.

It is imposing restrictions however, which conflict with Britain's aspirations for liberalization of air travel in Europe, and which were attacked by Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, yesterday as contrary to the consumer interest.

But Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, who is backing the campaign for more competition and cheaper fares in Europe, described the Dutch restrictions as minor and said that he was optimistic that the £49 return would come into effect on July 1.

But he added that the restrictions imposed by the Dutch were under an existing bilateral agreement, and that he would be flying out to try to negotiate a new and more liberla agreement with the Netherlands

The Dutch denied yesterday that they had rejected the £49 fare and said that they would approve it if the four airlines involved – British Airways, KLM, B-Cal, and Air UK – got together a uniform package.

That means that the two independent airlines, B-Cal and Air UK, will have to impose restrictions agreed by the two state airlines, to ensure that competition on the route is minimal.

Gummer attacks blast theory

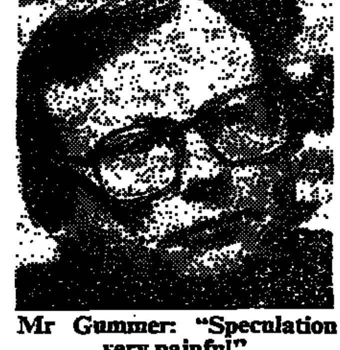
A magazine was at the centre of a controversy yesterday over an article claiming that the Abbeystead water plant explosion last week, in which 10 people were killed, was caused by fundamental design faults.

The magazine, New Civil Engineer, also said there were water board oversights at the plant in Lancashire.

But Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Employment and chairman of the Conservative Party, speaking during a visit to the area, said: "I very much deprecate such speculation which is very painful to the people who have suffered already

"It would have been far better, and in much better taste, if such an article had not been published until the findings of the Health and Safety Executive inquiry are known.

The magazine said the prime cause of the disaster appeared to be the "extraordinary arragement" of deliberately venting the Wyresdale tunnel directly into the water valve house. That meant that any gas occuring in the system, as well as the air accumulations for which it was intended, would be released into the valve house.



Mr Gummer: "Speculation very painful".

Mr T. Y. Byrd the magazine's editor, said last night: "We are 100 per cent sure of our facts".

There was also an angry reaction from Mr Bryan Oldfield, chief executive and deputy chairman of the North West Water Authority, who emphasized the importance of waiting for the inquiry

He said of the magazine: "It is intolerable for them to seek to pass judgment when they connot possibly have all the facts".

● The first of the 10 people who died in the explosion was buried yesterday in the village church of St Mary at Great Eccleston, near Blackpol. Dr William McGarry, aged 50, a physics teacher in Blackpool, lived in the village of St Michael's-on-Wyre, where most of the dead and injured came from.

W H Smith centres for computers

By Bill Johnstone,
Technology Correspondent

The leading high street retailer of home computers, W H Smith, is opening three computer centres specifically designed to sell microcomputers to small businesses.

The first centre will be opened by the retail chain in Crawley, West Sussex, tomorrow, and will be followed later in the year by others in the South of England. If successful the chain is expected to be expanded nationally.

Mr Val Lewthwaite, of W H Smith, said: "Computers are now very much part of every day lives, yet market research shows that about 70 per cent of all small businesses have no computer of any kind. Microcomputer applications can be huge help to small businesses and the professions."

The retail chain has been conducting research over the past three years into the needs of microcomputer users. More than a million small businesses and professional companies – the company estimates – could benefit from microcomputers. The company considers the investment in the centres as a logical extension to its home computer sales operation which sold £28m worth of computers last year.

The centres will be equipped for demonstration and training. The opening times of each centre are to vary according to local needs, Mr Lewthwaite said. Software will also be available at the centres.

The Smith expansion is a big departure for the retail group but is consistent with its interest in high technology.. It has created a cable television group whose purpose is to sell services from computer programs to information pages to cable television networks.

A 'vintage' year as second earthquake strikes

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

This already looks like a good year for British earthquakes. A tremor measuring a modest 2.7 on the Richter scale was felt over most of Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and parts of Lincolnshire yesterday.

It was the second seismic event in Britain this year, causing houses to shake. An earlier, more violent one a month ago shook Newtown, Mid-Wales, and was felt over an area of 400 square miles. That was 3.3 on the Richter scale.

Coincidentally, it is just 100 years since one of the most powerful recorded earthquakes in Britain, centred on Colchester, rocked East Anglia. A church steeple fell, many people were made homeless, a child was killed, and minor damage spread as far as Hampstead in north London.

The movement in a fault a long way beneath Leicestershire is being blamed for the latest rumblings. But the precise centre of the tremor will not be known until records from several observation centres are analysed by the British Geological Survey's global seismology group at Edinburgh.

The tremor is bound to cause anxiety to the National Coal Board over mines in the Midlands that are needing subsidence repairs delayed because of the miners' strike.

D-Day Times on sale today

A special reprinted edition of *The Times* commemorating the D–Day landings officially goes on sale today. The reproduction of the 10-page paper of June 7, 1944, contains the first news of the assault by the Allied armada on the beaches of Normandy.

The newspaper reports that the British, United States and Canadian armies had advanced several miles inland "after the greatest operation of its kind in history" and carries dispatches from correspondents on land and with the Royal Air Force pounding coastal defences.



In a packed and excited House of Commons Winston Churchill reports that the invasion is proceeding in "a thoroughly satisfactory manner". King George VI, broadcasting to his people, calls repeatedly for prayer, "a nationwide, perchance a world-wide, vigil of prayer as the great crusade sets forth".

For its part *The Times* is measured, full of relief at the success of the operation and apprehension of what lies ahead. "This is a solemn hour in the life of all the allied nations, an hour for a searching of hearts," it says.

The newspaper is full of the tragedy of the years of war, with lengthy lists of airmen killed in action. Alongside them the luckier ones announce their forthcoming marriages, including an American with his war bride.

The late London edition of *The Times* of June 7, 1944, is on sale at 75p, contained within a four-page wrap-around comprising photographs with assessments of the invasion by Brigadier Peter Young, a young Lieutenant Colonel at Normandy 40 years ago, and by Rear-Admiral Edward Gueritz, a beachmaster on Sword beach.

Conveyancing by building societies will destroy law firms, solicitors say

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Government proposals to allow conveyancing by banks and building societies will lead to closure of solicitors' offices, destroying the nationwide network of legal services and depriving the public of legal choice, the Law Society said yesterday.

The warning came in its evidence to the government committee on conveyancing, in which the society launches its strongest attack yet on the proposals to end its traditional monopoly.

The proposals carry overwhelming dangers it says. Far from widening choice to the public and increasing competition, they will entrench the vast bulk of conveyancing with about 15 of the larger, more powerful lending institutions.

Mr Tony Holland, senior Law Society council member, said that a nationwide network of 7,500 solicitors' firms would be replaced by a "powerful cartel of 15 financial giants".

"Solicitors' offices will close, contract or amalgamate, leaving large sections of the community without easy access to legal services other than conveyancing", he said.

As a result, he predicted, the "legal rights of many will go by default, or the Government will be forced to expand the number of funded law centres and set up a public defender service to ensure that defendants in the criminal courts are advised, especially in rural areas."

The other part of the Government's proposals, to allow non-solicitor, licensed conveyancers to undertake house transfers, is accepted by the Law Society, provided there are regulations in the public interest.

But the experiment would be still-born, Mr Holland said, if conveyancing was at the same time opened up to financial and other commercial institutions. The proposals would prevent the licensed conveyancers from becoming established.

"No solicitor or licensed conveyancer would be able to compete on equal terms with the big financial institutions."

Solicitors employed by banks and building societies to undertake conveyancing would face serious conflicts of interest, Mr Holland added.

Such a solicitor would owe his main obligation to his employer, the lender of finance. He must do his job in his employer's interest.

Dons study Joseph plan to limit tenure

By Ngaio Crequer and Sandra Hempel

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals is to make a study of the Government's recent proposals to limit academic tenure for new university lecturers.

The committee's general purposes group will report in three months on the best way formally to respond to proposals made by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Meanwhile Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, said this week that university staff are going to lose their fight to keep academic tenure. He urged academics to give up their campaign which he described as a battle that could not be won.

Sir Peter told a meeting of the Higher Education Foundation in London this week that although tenure, the right to stay in a job until retirement age, was vigorously defended on the grounds of the need to preserve academic freedom, that argument was probably only half relevant.

He recommended the United States system in which university staff had no tenure but could be made redundant only when there were urgent financial reasons.



The conductor, Sir Colin Davis, after being presented in Hamburg yesterday with the Shakespeare Prize for services to the arts.

Child's plea on video for new parents

A boy aged 10 told yesterday of his starring role in a new video. All he wants in the real life drama is a bag of toffees, a goldfish, and cuddles from a new mother and father.

Derek (his surname cannot be used) lives in a children's home in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and is the first youngster to appear on a Doctor Barnardo's video asking for parents.

Yesterday he was with other children at the opening of a new "adoption shop" in Bradford, the first of its kind in the North where propective parents including singles can call in and look for a child.

A Barnardo's spokeswoman said: "We made the video so that people can come and sit with a drink and see the children we are trying to place."

Murder charge remand

A farmer accused of attempting to murder his wife Margaret on April 9 was further remanded in custody yesterday by Yate magistrates, near Bristol.

Graham Backhouse, aged 43, of Widden Hill Farm, Horton, near Bristol, is also accused of murdering a neighbour, Mr Colyn Bedale-Taylor, aged 63, a retired personnel office, of The Oatehouse, Horton Hill, Horton.

Greenham fine

Catherine Davies, aged 27, a Greenham Common peace camper who jammed the locks of Newbury court with glue, was fined £50 and ordered to pay £76.57 costs and compensation by magistrates at Wantage, Oxfordshire, yesterday after being found guilty of criminal damage.

£10m Mousetrap

Box office takings for the world's longest-running play, *The Mousetrap*, have exceeded £10m. Last night's performance of Agatha Christie's play at St Martin's Theatre was the 13,112th in the West End since it opened on November 25, 1952.

Death report

The Director of Public Prosecutions is to receive a report into the death of Michael Wellard, aged 16, at Margate after he touched a seafront railing that had been wired to the electricity mains, Kent police said yesterday.

Transplant child

Richard Stone, Aged nine months, from Rampisham, Dorset, was doing well yesterday after becoming Britain's youngest kidney transplant patient in a two-hour operation at Guy Hospital, London.

Mail halted

The movement of mail through Peterborough, the main postal distribution centre for East Anglia, was halted yesterday by a 24-hour strike by 800 workers in support of a national pay claim.

Not at home

A letter to a Mr Oaklands of Mill Lane, Teignmouth, advising him that a gas board engineer would call to fit a new meter, was returned by the post office marked "house not built yet".

Hint of cut in farming subsidies

By Hugh Clayton

The present Government is much more likely than Mrs Margaret Thatchers first Administration to curb the policy of giving farmers expensive production incentives, Mr Richard Body, Conservative MP for Holland-with-Boston, said yesterday.

"The Conservative party is moving rather rapidly, I believe", he said at a press conference about his latest book about farming.

He proposed a system in which farmers produced less, damaged the countryside, less, and imported far fewer feeds, chemicals, and machines. He refused to say why he thought that his opposition to heavy EEC subsidies had gained greater support in the Cabinet since the Conservative election victory last year.

He criticized the policy of Mr Peter Walker who was Minister of Agriculture from 1979 to 1983. "Peter Walker was going up and down the country telling farmers to produce more food. Farmers responded and their income went down.

Mr Body said that heavy subsudies to agriculture has inflated land values and diverted huge investment funds away from industry and into farmland.

He said that the whole system of farming is beholden to imports of inputs – chemicals, fertilizers, and feed – in a way that between 1939 and 1945 it was not. Mr Body added: "Our farming would come to a standstill in two years in a war.

Farming in the Clouds (Maurice Temple)

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Pressure on Lewisham to bring in illegal budget

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

The Labour majority on Lewisham council in south east London is under intense pressure from the local Labour Party to promise to copy the "Liverpool option" and introduce an unbalanced budget next spring, when the new rate-capping law will be in force.

The party's left wing recently voted out of office the moderates who had kept precarious control of the Labour group of councillors since the 1982 elections. The new leader, Mr Ron Stockbridge, is an avowed supporter of the ultra-left *Briefing*. The latest edition of that periodical quotes Mr Stockbridge as believing that confrontation with the Government is "inevitable."

He says: "If this Tory Government was faced with four or five authorities plus Liverpool saying that they are not prepared to raise rates of cut services, then I'm confident the Goverment would be put in a position which would expose them as the oppressor."

Mr Stockbridge is the first leader of the council to be elected not by his fellow councillors but by a new "electoral college" in which delegates of the local Labour Party has a sizable vote.

A similar apparatus in the London borough of Hackney recently replaced the council's left wing leader, Mr Anthony Kendall, with Miss Hilda Kean, who stands for a platform of refusing to raise rents or rates while refusing also to reduce spending.

A series of meetings has recently been convened by Mr Ted Knight, the leader of Lambeth council, to try to build a coalition of Labour councils in London pledged to "do a Liverpool".

According to the *Briefing* faction within the London Labour Party, a series of illegal acts by London boroughs would force the Government to impose direct rule, which would provoke a popular uprising.

Popular Rollercoaster

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

BBC Radio 4's experimental morning show, *Rollercoaster*, is attracting new listeners to the channel, even if most of those who write to the corporation about it are critical of the experiment.

The show started in April for six months. The Thursday morning venture under the chairmanship of Richard Baker may prove the template for the rest of the station's weekdays if it is thought to work.

Mr Alan Rogers, head of current affairs and magazine programme, said yesterday: "The general reaction is still rather more against the programme than for it, but it is early days yet with the experiment running until October. We have had a good response but we have not counted the cards (from listeners) yet".

The BBC has carried out audience research on Thursday mornings since the show was introduced. It indicates that audiences are increasing steadily, though the corporation, in keeping with its policy not to release radio ratings, has not said by how much.



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Kinnock and Castle give Tories food for thought

By George Clark

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, aided by Mrs Barbara Castle, leader of Labour MEPs in Strasbourg, produced a stack of meat and vegetables at their European election press conference in London yesterday to add colour to their claim that the Government is preparing at the behest of the EEC, to make extensions to value-added tax which will push food prices even higher.

Not only food would be affected, they asserted, but also children's clothes and shoes and books and newspapers, which are at present also zero-rated. The imposition of 15 per cent VAT on fish and chip takeaway suppers was only the start of a move towards tax harmonization which was being supported by Conservative MEPs

Mrs Castle, who demonstrated behind the food pile how the Englishmans' traditional lunch of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding had been put out of most people's reach, harked backed to the 1979 general election.

"The Tories said it was 'just a Labour smear' when we said in 1979 that they were gong to put up VAT from 8 per cent to 12 per cent. I admit, it was an inaccuracy, because in fact they put it up to 15 per cent so, if you hear the words 'Labour smear', reach for your pocket-book, because they are about to raid it."

A joint of beef in most families had been replaced by a pound of mince, she said, holding it out for inspection. "The tragedy is that it need not be so. Beef in the European Communtiy costs three times more than on the world market. Three pounds of silverside costs £6.35 in the Common Market; on the world market the price is £2.40. If we could get it at that price, we would be able to enjoy it as we used to do."

"Our indictment of the Tories is that they have accelerated price increases by manipulating the green pound so that the farmer gets an export subsidy and the housewife has to pay tax on imported food.

"The Conservative Party said at the 1979 election that they were prepared to freeze the price of surplus products, but British Conservative MEPs have time and time again voted for substantial price increases on what was proposed by the EEC Commission."

The most scandalous example was in 1982, when they voted for a 14 per cent increase. Eventually, the increase was fixed by the Council of Ministers at 9 per cent, but it was an excessive increase which had led to the creation of the present huge surpluses.

Mr Kinnock said the aim of Labour MEPs would be to get a new system, with incentives for efficient production and protection of consumers, but avoiding surpluses. "I do not think the Common Market could replicate the food-support system we had in the UK before 1973, but there would be a movement in that direction, with arrangements to ensure that the small and medium-sized farms were not disadvantaged."

Mr Kinnock also said the British taxpayer paid more than £1,600m to store surplus food and that subsidies to promote cheap food sales outside the EEC, mainly to the Soviet Union, cost £3,400m last year. The Soviet housewife paid 54p a pound for butter, compared with the £1 the British housewife had to pay.

Mrs Castle then turned to the cauliflowers and fruit on her "stall", and showed a table (carried left) indicating how produce was being destroyed every minute to keep prices high.

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RATE OF FOOD DESTRUCTION IN EEC IN 1982-83

Produce	Rate of destruction in a year	In an hour	In every minute
Cauliflowers	21.7m	2,477	41
Tomatoes	39.7m lb	4,532 lb	75½ lb
Peaches	230m	26,256	438
Pears	116m lb	13,242 lb	221 lb
Apples	1,666m lb	190,200 lb	3,170 lb
Mandarins	27m lb	3,082 lb	51 lb
Oranges	714m	81,507	1,358
Lemons	866m	98,858	1,648



Taking stock: Mrs Margaret Thatcher at Banbury cattle market yesterday to support Sir Henry Plumb's European campaign (Photograph by Harry Kerr).

Euro-poll reflects British reluctance

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Only 36 per cent of British voters mean to turn out for the European elections on June 14, according to the latest Eurobarometer opinion poll drawn up by the Gallup organization. This compares with the 32.6 per cent who actually turned out in 1979 at the last direct elections.

The poll, conducted in March and April, generally shows the British as the most negative about what they prefer to call the Common Market and what other countries prefer to call the European Community.

According to the commentary, analysis shows that the name "European Community" is chosen more often by those favourable to the Community, whereas those who are unfavourable tend to prefer the more restrictive term "Common Market".

The pollsters believe the predicted British turn-out may prove to be a little low, but they expect to see at least 55 per cent vote in every other country, with an average poll in all ten countries of 64 per cent. The average is bumped slightly higher by the fact that voting is compulsory in Belgium and Luxembourg, but there is no disguising the fact that in other EEC countries the percentage of the electorate meaning to vote is nearly twice as big as in Britain.

Two main reasons appear from the poll. The first is that the British seem to be largely unaware that elections are taking place. Only 10 per cent of those aware through the media of the existence of the Parliament had read anything about the elections – a three times lower figure than the Community average.

The second reason appears to be British dissatisfaction with the Community in general and Parliament in particular.

The figures show that 56 per cent of the British believe that their country has not benefited at all from Community membership. This compares with the next most dissatisfied group – the Danes at 36 per cent – and a Community average of 30 per cent.

Among those who do accept that Britain has drawn some advantage from membership, there remains a very jaundiced view. Some 53 per cent believe Britain has received less benefit than any other country and only 22 per cent feel it has had equal treatment.

As far as Parliament is concerned, the British – with the Danes a close second – would like to see its very few powers reduced even more. This is no doubt a reflection of the way in which Parliament has voted in recent months to block payment of Britain's budget rebate. At the same time about a third of the British continue to think – as they have since 1977 – that Parliament should have more powers than at present.

These enthusiasts are presumably the same people in Britain who, through thick and thin, have stuck to the idea of greater unification down the years. These now number 17 per cent compared with 14 per cent 10 years ago, while another 45 per cent want some further integration, compared with just 23 per cent then. In every other country – with the exception of France – enthusiasm for a united Europe has tailed off over the period.

WHO VOTES MOST: PERCENTAGE TURNOUTS

	Last general election before 1979 European elections	European elections 1979	Last general election	Estimate European elections 1984
Belgium	93.7 (17/12/78)	91.3	94.5	90-92
Denmark	88.7 (15/2/77)	46.8	88.4 (10/1/84)	55
West Germany	90.7 (3/10/76)	65.9	89.1 (6/3/3)	67
France	82.8 (12/3/78)	60.7	70.4 (14/6/81)	73
Ireland	76.3 (16/6/77)	63.6	72.8 (24/11/82)	55
Italy	89.9 (3/6/79)	85.5	89 (26/6/83)	76
Luxembourg	90.1 (26/5/74)	88.9	88.9 (10/6/79)	88-90
Holland	88 (25/5/77)	57[illegible]	81 (9/9/82)	64
Britain	75.1 (3/5/79)	32.6	72.2 (9/6/83)	36
EEC Average	85.4	62	81.2	64

*1981 elections for both national and European parlaments held on same day

Where every vote helps fill the party coffers

From Michael Binyon Bonn

The real reason, cynics say, why Germany's political parties are doing their best to get voters to the polls for the European parliamentary elections on June 17 is because they need the money.

State financing of elections means that every vote cast for a party represents money flowing into its depleted coffers. And the indications are there will be a high turn-out in West Germany – to the relief of the party treasurers.

As in many coutries, Europe itself is hardly an issue in this election. Almost everyone is in favour of the European Community – which for Germany has become almost an *ersatz* Fatherland, giving the Federal Republic influence and political weight it would still be hesitant to use in isolation.

Even the Greens, who have denounced the EEC as a capitalist club and a militarist block, do not favour withdrawal, but want to send deputies to Strasbourg, where they can begin the "greening" of Europe.

Campaign arguments therefore do not turn on the benefits of the Community to Germany, the country's very high net contributions or the wrangling over the budget: the Social Demorcats (SDP) largely support the line taken by Chancellor Helnut Kohl and are equally interested in getting Europe moving again.

But the election has assumed importance as a national test of the Government' popularity 15 months after the 1983 general election. And the SPD has called on voters to use it as such, giving a clear rebuff to the conservative policies pursued by the Government.

For the Opposition the timing of the election could not be more opportune; Chancellor Kohl's coalition is grappling with the worst outbreak of industrial unrest for many years, has barely recovered from the fiasco of the abortive proposals for an amnesty for those evading taxes on political donations, and now has to reckon with instability within the coalition itself caused by the turbulence in the Free democratic Party (FDP) that follows the announcement by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the party leader, that he was resigning before 1937.

For the Free Democrats the election is also of crucial importance. If they do badly - and a recent poll said they had the support of only three per cent of the electorate – their present difficulties in defining their policies and projecting a separate image

If they overcome this hurdle, they will once again have demonstrated their ability to hang on by their fingertips to political power

Getting to the bottom of the EEC wine lake

From Our Own Correspondent, Brussels

A wine task force to plumb the secrets of the EEC wine lake has been approved by Community agricultural ministers. Its job is to track down the cheating and fraud which has helped to create a wine surplus estimated large enough to fill 16,000 Olympic-size swimming pools and which will cost the Community some £490m this year (£3m more than the promised British rebate).

The ministers agreed that the Community no longer had control of the wine statistics, on which calculations were based. Several countries appeared to be sending in wild under-estimates of expected yields.

Already this year the Commission has discovered the almost certain existence of some six million hectolitres of wine, which were never declared when it was making its original calculations on the amount of money needed

The task force will investigate new methods of quality control, and try to stop the growing fraudulent practice whereby table grapes and thin quality wines are somehow sold off for Community-aided distillation.

Gulf states failing to muster support for censure of Iran at UN

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

A diplomatic initiative by Gulf states to condemn Iran for attacks on neutral shipping is failing to generate enough support from the UN Security Council, where a mojority believe that a more even-handed censure is necessary to avoid inflaming the situation.

This lack of enthusiasm is a setback for members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, who came to the Security Council hoping to send a clear message to Iran and find in a resolution moral justification for collective defensive action, should Tehran flout the warnings against further attacks.

At the same time Britain, which has a special relationship with most of the Gulf Council states, in particular Oman, faces the embarrassing prospect of *having to choose between the* possibility of prejudicing those ties and acting on its belief that a resolution should condemn both Iran and Iraq for attacks on shipping.

Mr Said Rajaie-Khorasanni, the Iranian representative, told a caucus of non-aligned countries that his Government is ready to abide by a UN resolution affirming the right of freedom of navigtion in the Gulf, if the Security Council is even-handed in its rebuke. The only firm support that the Gulf states are receiving for their initiative is from the Arab group, which is represented by one member on the Security Council – Egypt.

Except for the main participants, most countries have been cautious in their statements so as not to annoy either side in the Gulf conflict during the council debate, which continued yesterday. Japan and West Germany, considerably dependent on Gulf oil, urged restraint and warned against outside intervention.

Behind these low-key pronouncements lies a respect for Iran's military prowess in the region, and a belief that it does not issue empty warnings when its interests are perceived to be threatened.

If the Gulf Cooperation Council states – Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates – fail to compromise on the resolution, so that it can gain enough support for adoption, it will be the first time the Security Council has behaved in a way that pleases Iran.

● ATHENS: Greece does not propose to ban its merchant ships from going to the Gulf although several Greek vessels were hit by Iraqi fire in recent months.

Mr George Katsifaras, the Minister of Merchant Marine, said a ban would have created "undesirable and dangerous complications for international sea transport."

He added, however, that crew members of Greek-flag vessels headed for the Gulf area were entitled to break their contract with impunity if they did not wish to take the risk.

Moscow runs eye over Syrian heir apparent

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Arab sources said yesterday that Mr Rifaat Assad, the Syrian Vice-President, had discussed Soviet concern over rising tensions in the Gulf during Moscow talks this week, and that Soviet leaders had voiced support for Syria's attempts to defuse the Iran-Iraq conflict.

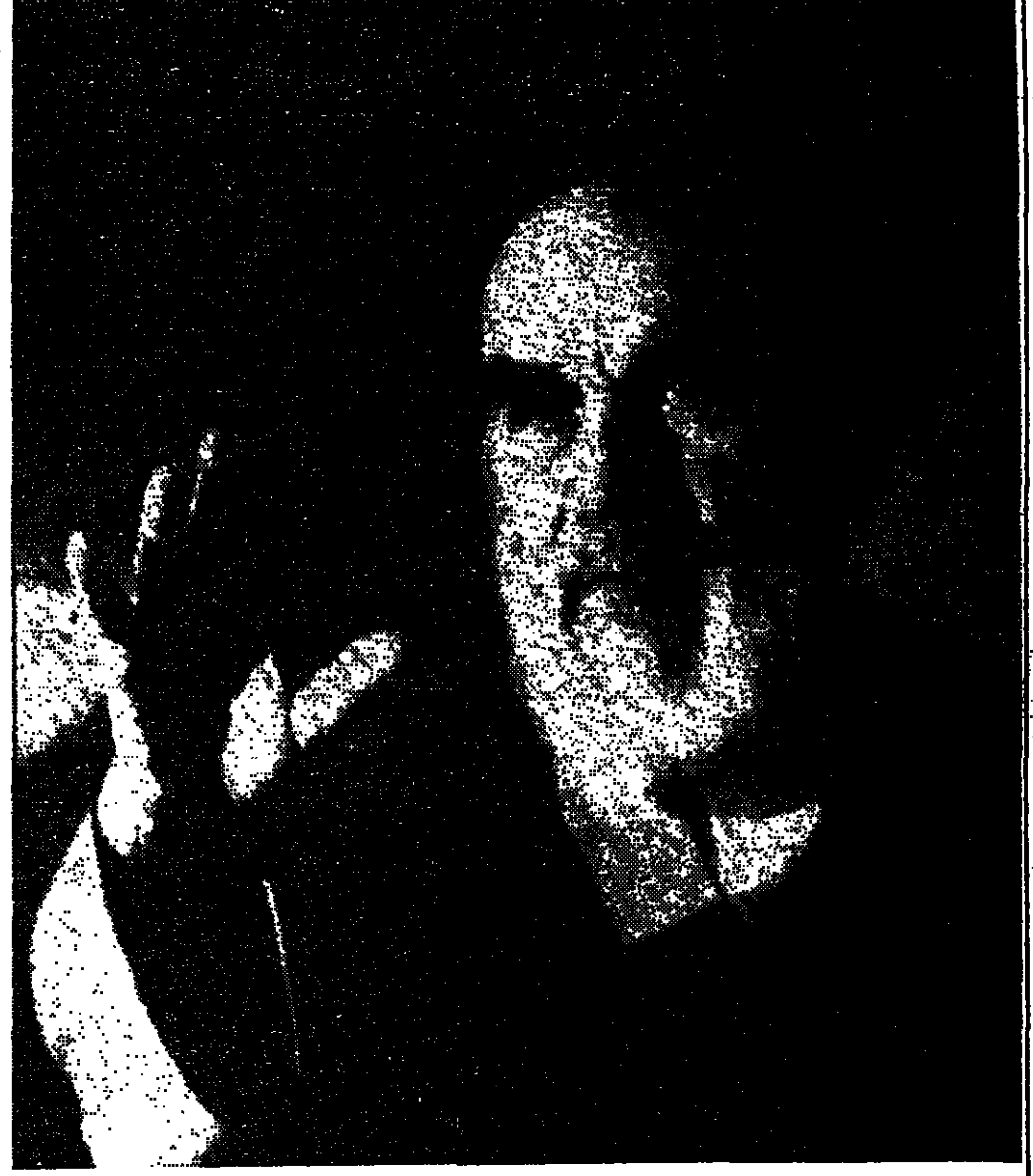
Vice-President Assad arrived in Moscow on Monday for a "friendly visit". In March Mr Geidar Aliyev, the Politburo member who deals with Middle Eastern affairs, visited Damascus in a vain effort to persuade Syria to reach a rapprochement with Iraq. Mr Aliyev was successful, however, in persuading the Syrians to use their influence with Iran in an attempt to end the Gulf fighting.

Moscow recently cemented ties with Baghdad and is supplying arms to Iraq, but none the less claims to want an end to the "senseless conflict" in the Gulf.

Arab sources said Moscow was interested in reactivating its Middle East policy and regaining a role in the region. The Kremlin also wanted to take a close look at Mr Assad, who is the brother of President Hafez Assad and was recently made one of his deputies. President Assad is not in good health and i t is thought that the Vice President, who controls the security forces in Damascus, might succeed him.

Moscow has said it fears that Washington could use an appeal for help from the Arab states to intervene militarily in the Gulf. *Pravda* said recently that there was the "smell of a big new American venture" following *the threat to free navigation in* the Straits of Hormuz and its implications for Western oil supplies.

On Tuesday Vice-President Assad met Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister, and Mr Boris Ponomaryov, a candidate Politburo member. The two men offered continued support to Syria, Moscow's main Middle East ally, and blamed Israel and the United States for regional tensions.



Intransigent Iman: Ayatollah Khomeini telling MPs at the Jamaran Mosque: "America has no guts".

Sheffield steals the China show

Peking (AP) – The 15th round of detailed talks between Britain and China on the future of Hong Kong after 1997 began here yesterday with a chat about football.

The talks were expected to touch on sensitive issues such as whether China will send troops to Hong Kong when it recovers sovereignty, but subjects were light during a five-minute press call.

The Division Two English league club, Sheffield United, was to play an exhibition game at the Workers Stadium in Peking later in the day and the British Ambassador, Sir Richard Evans explained that the steel town of Sheffield has two soccer teams: United and Wednesday.

The latter's unusual name, he suggested amid great laughter, might be translated as "Anshan Libaisan." Anshan is China's major steel-producing city and "Libaisan" means Wednesday.

The two-day 15th round comes during the second phase of talks that began after Mrs Thatcher's visit to Peking in September 1982. A newcomer at the table was the recently arrived British head of chancery in Peking, Mr Peter Thomson.

Last Friday's remark by China's senior leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, that China will station troops in Hong Kong after 1997 sent a shudder through the colony's stock market.

Ethiopians protest at delays in food aid

Geneva – *No food shipments* have arrived at Ethiopian ports since the end of March and "food is increasingly being used by some countries as a political instrument", Mr Dawit Woelde Georgis, said yesterday. He is here for talks with relief agencies (Alan McGregor writes).

Only 8,000 tonnes of relief wheat now remain – sufficient *for about a month on the basis* of 500 grammes daily per person among the hardest hit of the 5.2 million in the five drought-stricken provinces of Tigre, Wolle, Gondar, Eritrea and Sidamo.

The response to an appeal two months ago had so far been unsatisfactory. Also, 40 per cent of the 400 distribution lorries were immobilized because of lack of spares. (A *UN official* here said 30,000 tonnes of wheat from the world food programme was due to arrive next month but some of it might be delayed.)

Britons cleared of drugs charge

Copenhagen (AP) – Two Britons were acquitted here of smuggling 187lb of hashish into Denmark and hiding it in the basement of the Canadian Ambassador's residence.

Declan James Byrne, aged 35, and Anthony Kelvin Dowell, aged 28, both of Birmingham, were arrested along with the ambassador's maid, Lene Frandsen, aged 36, who has already been jailed for two and a half years.

Adulterer to die

Khartum (AFP) – A man has been sentended to death by hanging and a woman to 100 lashes for adultery which resulted in her pregnancy.

Dulles blamed



The late Allen Dulles (above), once head of the CIA, arranged the escape from justice of the Nazi war criminal Walter Rauff, Mr John Loftus a former Justice Department investigator, claimed in Boston. He said it happened when Mr Dulles worked for the wartime OSS, the CIA's predecessor. Rauff died in Chile two weeks ago.

Villages at risk

Ankara (Reuter) – eight villages were evacuated when flooding threatened to engulf homes after a sluice gate burst in a dam near Adana, in south-east Turkey. The dam poured out 1,000 cubic metres per second through the damaged gate.

Major arrested

Major Robin Lee, aged 44, of the Royal Army Ordanance Corps, who disappeared after failing to report to his unit at Dülmen, West Germany, 17 days ago, is back in Germany in military custody following his arrest in Britain last Friday.

Brazil epidemic

Salvador de Bahia, Brazil (AFP) – An epidemic of gastro-enteritis has killed 812 children in the northern state of Bahia since January 1. Each year 200,000 Brazilians die of the disease.

Hostage freed

Salerno (AP) – Signor Pietro *Fenotti, 71-year-old steel industrialist* kidnapped near his home in northern Italy on March 5, was freed yesterday here. Police were not sure how much his family paid

Arms race breaking all records

By Henry Stanhope

The arms race between the superpowers is likely to result in the biggest build-up of nuclear stockpiles since such *weapons were first developed in* the 1940s, it is claimed today.

A report by the University of Bradford's School of Peace Studies says that the most noticeable increase should be in long-range or strategic systems, with the United States and Soviet Union doubling the size of their arsenals between 1982 and the early 1990s.

New American weapons on *the way are the MX land-based* missile, the submarine-launched Trident 2, the B1 and Stealth bombers and at least 6,000 nuclear cruise missiles.

Those being produced by the Russians are the SSX24 and SSNX25 missiles, the Blackjack bomber and at least three new types of cruise missile.

The report puts the present number of United States *nuclear warheads at 10,729*, including 1,500 deployed during the past two years. Although the Soviet Union has only 8,087, theirs tend to be larger and more destructive.

One of the "more disturbing" developments is the way in which Britain, France and China seem to be expanding their arsenals.

Britain, for instance, is not only buying the Trident 2 from the United States to replace Polaris, but has bought 69 more M109 nuclear-capable howitzers from the United States in the past two years,

Israeli officers admit they knew of anti-Arab bomb plot

From Moshe Brilliant, Tel Aviv

Two Israeli Army officers confessed in the Jerusalem district court yesterday that they had known of a Jewish terrorist plot to booby-trap a car belonging to a West Bank Arab mayor and had not tried to prevent it.

The bomb at the garage doorway of the home of Mayor Ibrahim Tawil of El Bireh went off, blinding an Israeli sapper.

The accused appeared in court for a hearing of the state's request to extend their detention order until the end of the proceedings. Judge Shlomo Wiener reserved his decision until next week and the officers remained in custody. The ban on publishing their names was also extended.

Dr Ori Stendel, defending the more senior officer, told the judge that his client had not belonged to the terrorist organization. A friend had informed him of the bomb plot and asked him to alert the second accused to caution a sapper who might be coming to the mayor's home.

The defence lawyer said his client passed on the request, but had not reported it to superiors. He went on to explain that the accused lived in the West Bank settlement of Shiloh and would have been ostracized if he had not supported the conspiracy. Secondly, reporting to superiors would have involved disclosing his source, an old friend.

The sapper, Suleiman Hirbawi, was summoned after the cars of the mayors of Nablus and Ramallah exploded simultaneously. He was ordered to inspect the car of the Mayor of El Bireh. The second accused accompanied him to the scene and was at his side when the bomb went off.

His counsel, Mr Yakov Rubin, said his client had not known the doorway had been booby-trapped and had thought the car itself had been mined. He said he had cautioned the sapper to take care, and the fact that he stood next to the sapper in the doorway proved that he had not not expected an explosion.

The higher-ranking officer, through Dr Stendel, denied the prosecution charge that he supplied the plotters with intelligence of the addresses, cars and movements of their intended victims. He said his client may have inadvertently provided information in unplanned meetings which the terrorists used.

The terrorist plot was sharply denounced by President Herzog.

Soviet fury at 'spies' from West

From Our Own Correspondent Moscow

The British Embassy yesterday confirmed that it had had "exchanges" with the Soviet authorities over an alleged incident last month in Leningrad involving Captain John Harvey-Samuel, the British Naval Attaché. At the same time American sources in Moscow said Mr Roland Harms, the US Consul in Leningrad, had been assaulted there last month

The incidents appear to be part of a Soviet campaign to encourage vigilance by ordinary citizens against alleged Western "spies" at a time of East-West tension.

Both *Red Star*, the armed forces newspaper, and Moscow Radio reported last Friday on an alleged increase in Western espionage in Leningrad. The reports named Captain Harvey-Samuel and Lieutenant-Commander Jeffrey Lipscomb, the US Assistant Naval Attaché, claiming the two men had been detained on April 24 photographing "industrial installations".

A British Embassy spokesman said yesterday that the *embassy had rejected the Soviet* version of events at the beginning of May. The spokesman said Captain Harvey-Samuel had not been taking photographs in Leningrad

Last Sunday Mr John Burnett, a First Secretary and head of security at the British Embassy, was expelled from Moscow in retaliation for the expulsion from Britain of a Senior Soviet diplomat and KGB agent.

Red Star claimed that, when detained, Lieutenant-Commander Lipscomb had "unceremoniously declared that his superiors had instructed him to check conditions at industrial enterprises in Leningrad".

Gaddafi arrests sixth Briton

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Another Briton has been arrested in Libya, the sixth to be taken into custody by Clolonel Gaddafi's police since the start of last month's siege in St James's Square.

Iraq also made clear yesterday that two British expatriates, who have been held in jail for up to five years, will not be released before two Iraqis now in prison in this country.

The latest prisoner in Libya was picked up on May 15 in Benghazi, but confirmation reached the Foreign Office in London only yesterday.

Representations on his behalf have been made to the Government in Tripoli, together with demands for consular access. But similar requests in respect of the other five in detention without trial have been greeted so far by a stony silence.

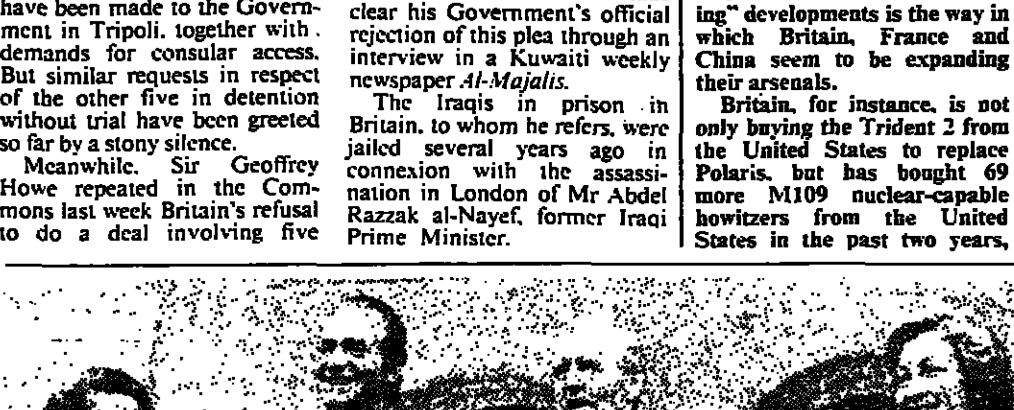
Meanwhile, Sir Geoffrey Howe repeated in the Commons last week Britain's refusal to do a deal involving five Libyans, who are in prison in Britain awaiting trial on bombing charges.

The two expatriates in Iraq are Mr John Smith, a businessman who was sentenced to 20 years in 1979 on a charge of bribing officials – who were subsequently executed – and a Mr Haggar, aged 67, who was jailed for a similar period in 1981 for allegedly being in contact with "an anti-Iraqi terrorist network."

Britain has repeatedly made representations on their behalf

But it is Mr Ramadan himself who has now made clear his Government's official rejection of this plea through an interview in a Kuwaiti weekly newspaper *Al-Majalis*.

The Iraqis in prison in Britain, to whom he refers, were jailed several years ago in connexion with the assassination in London of Mr Abdel Razzak al-Nayef, former Iraqi Prime Minister.





Royal visit: President Carstens of West Germany (centre) and his wife, Veronica (left), welcoming King Juan Carlos of Spain and Queen Sofia to Bonn.

Police and doctors in the dark

Solidarity hopes trial will spotlight abuses

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

An epic trial, charged with the turbulent political emotions that have dogged Poland since the banning of Solidarity, begins today in the dour, squat building of the Warsaw courthouse. Two policemen, two ambulancemen and two doctors are accused of causing the death of Grzegorz Przemyk, a 19-year-old student who in the past year has become a martyr for the opposition to General Jaruzelski.

The Solidarity opposition and its sympathisers have never been in any doubt that the boy was killed as the direct result to a beating by the police and two ambulancemen. In various open letters and appeals to General Jaruzelski, they have claimed that there has been a cover-up and that the state prosecutor has been trying to dodge his responsibility.

The authorities, who have taken a year to prepare the case, deny these charges and have let it be known that the trial, with more 70 witnesses, will be open to foreign observers.

Przemyk, the son of the poet and Solidarity activist Barbara Sadowska, was celebrating the end of his school leaving examinations on May 12 last year. Riding piggy back with one of his classmates in Warsaw's Castle Square, he was stopped by police and asked for his documents. There was a scuffle and he was taken to a police station. According to some witnesses in the preliminary testimony, Przemyk was beaten there. According to the authorities, "Przemyk was aggressive and behaved strangely".

An emergency ambulance was called and the attendants had to use force to restrain him. At the ambulance station he was examined by a psychiatrist who said he could find no bodily injuries and directed him to a psychiatric clinic.

Mrs Sadowska arrived and argued against this decision He was taken home, but his condition deteriorated and eventually a local practitioner summoned by the mother decided that the school boy had serious internal injuries and should be in hospital. After an operation on May 14, he died.

Although the charges against the six men allege manslaughter and (on the part of the doctors) criminal neglect rather than murder, Solidarity sympathisers view the trial as an important symbolic event in which police powers will be subjected to public scrutiny for the first time since martial law was declared in the winter of 1981.

The case has been accompanied by mysterious events. When Mrs Sadowska's lawyer, Mr Maciej Bednerkiewicz, prosed deeply into the events surrounding the death of her son, he suddenly found *himself under arrest*, charged among other things with giving assistance to a deserter from the the Zomo riot police. He has denied the charges but can no longer act as a defence counsel for Mrs Sadowska.

When another lawyer alleged a cover-up, he was immediately summoned to the Interior Ministry and notified of charges of anti-state slander. Class*mates of przemyk were* thoroughly questioned by the security police and at least one potential witness from the school was kidnapped for a number of hours.

The two policemen, even after being identified by the schoolfriends of Przemyk, were allowed to continue working at the police station.

Jaruzelski sacks two ministers

Warsaw – Poland's Minister *for Engineering Industry*, Mr Edward Lukasz, whose department has come under official fire for low exports to the West, has been dismissed (Reuter reports). So has Mr Stanislaw Ciosek, minister for Labour, wages and Social Services.

Recent wage settlements have been criticized as undermining government efforts to cut inflation.

Gelli takes P2 inquiry by surprise

From John Earle Rome

Signor Licio Gelli, fugitive head of the banned P2 Masonic lodge, has surprised the Italian Parliament's commission of inquiry into its activities by sending, from his hiding place, a signed 24-page memorandum defending its record.

The memorandum was handed on Tuesday evening to Signora Tina Anselmi, chairman of the commission, by a lawyer representing Signor Gelli, who escaped last August from a Swiss prison and is believed to be in South America.

The commission, which has been sitting for more than two years and is due to wind up this summer, was recently at the centre of political controversy because a draft report by Signora Anselmi, a Christian Democrat Deputy, suggested that a list found of more than 900 alleged members, many prominent in public life, was substantially authentic.

In his memorandum, Signor Gelli said the list, besides members, contained also the names of "sympathizers and of my frineds".

Storm over Botha visit

Huddleston is invited to No 10

By Richard Dowden

Bishop Trevor Huddleston, president of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, was invited to meet Mrs Thatcher last night to discuss the visit by Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, on Saturday.

It is the first time in the movement's 25-year history that a representative has been invited to Downing Street and indicates that Mrs Thatcher is anxious to demonstrate the strength of her opposition to apartheid.

Earlier, at a press conference, the bishop said there was plenty of room for talks in the *resolution of the conflict in* South Africa, "but it must be talks between the South African Government and the leaders of the African people, Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, who are now in prison. Any other kind of talk is just talk."

The Anti-Aparthied Movement is planning a protest march in London on Saturday, from Hyde Park Corner to Jubilee Gardens, on the South Bank, but it is unlikely to be heard or seen by Mr Botha.

He is expected to arrive at Heathrow in a private jet from Zurich at 10.45 am and will be flown by helicopter to lunch at Chequers. There will be a brief photo call after lunch before he returns to the airport at about 2.30. He is unlikely to be in Britain more than five hours.

Yesterday a Downing Street spokesman said: "There will be no joint statement. If Mr Botha decides to make a statement, it will be entirely on his own."

It is understood that when he returns to Heathrow he will *read a statement to the press*, but that there will be limited opportunity to ask questions.

He is not due in West Germany, the next stop on his European tour, until Tuesday and it is not clear where he will be until then.

Mr Robert Hughes, Labour MP for Aberdeen North and Anti-Apartheid Movenent, said yesterday that Mr Botha would be seeking support for "so-called constitutional reforms", relaxation of the United Nations arms enbargo on South Africa, support for the relaxation of UN resolutions on Namibia, and more sporting links with South Africa."

He said tens of thousands would come to the protest on Saturday, which will be preceded by a demonstration in Mrs Thatcher's Finchley constituency.

● LISBON: Mr Botha met his Portuguese counterpart, Dr Mario Soares, for more talks yesterday on relations with Angola and Mozambique.

*Of Lisbon's morning news*papers, only the Communist *O Diario* criticized the visit, under the headlines "Soares to strengthen relations with racialists".

Other newspapers highlighted Mr Botha's statements praising the Portuguese community in South Africa and Portugal's diplomatic help in bringing about a pact between Pretoria and Maputo earlier this year.

Students stage sit-in to back school boycotts

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

More than 1,000 students, both black and white, staged a mass sit-in and protest march at the English-language University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg yesterday against inequalities between White and black school education.

The demonstrations was part of a national day of protest called by student organizations in support of boycotts at schools, colleges and universities throughout the country.

Outside the Great Hall at Witwatersrand, Miss Kate Philip, the president of the National Union of South African Students, declared: "We must oppose detentions, bannings and the gutter education system and strive for change, as it is the only way to bring peace to this country. The day of protest was deliberately set for yesterday, the eve of the Republic Day holiday, the twenty-third anniversary of South Africa's break with the Commonwealth.

More die in Haiti unrest

Port-au-Prince (AFP) – Demonstrators clashed with Haitian troops at the north coast city of Cap Haitien yesterday. Between two and five people were killed and several injured.

The trouble started when slum-dwellers from the La Fossette District tried to loot food stocks at a depot run by Care, the American humanitarian organization.

A radio statement claimed last night the President Duvalier had ordered the food to be given to residents in return for labour on public works projects.

Manila gets Kirkpatrick seal of approval

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The Philippines recent parliamentary election in which the opposition scored impressive gains was a sign of the "continued perfection" of democracy in the country, Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the United States ambassador to the United Nations, said yesterday.

"When you've got elections that provide choice and a high turn-out with an opportunity for active citizens' participation, then you are on a very good path and I wish you God speed," Mrs Kirkpatrick told applauding members of Manila's Rotary Club.

"In that continued perfection of your democracy ... I wish you good luck."

Mrs Kirkpatrick, *who is on a* two-day visit to the Philippines, is the highest-ranking United States official to comment on the outcome of the national election, the first to be held since the 1981 lifting of martial law.

Her comments came soon after a 90-minute meeting with President Marcos. Earlier, she met with the outspoken Roman Catholic primate, Cardinal Jaime Sin, a frequent critic of the Government, and the acting Foreign Minister, Manuel Collantes.

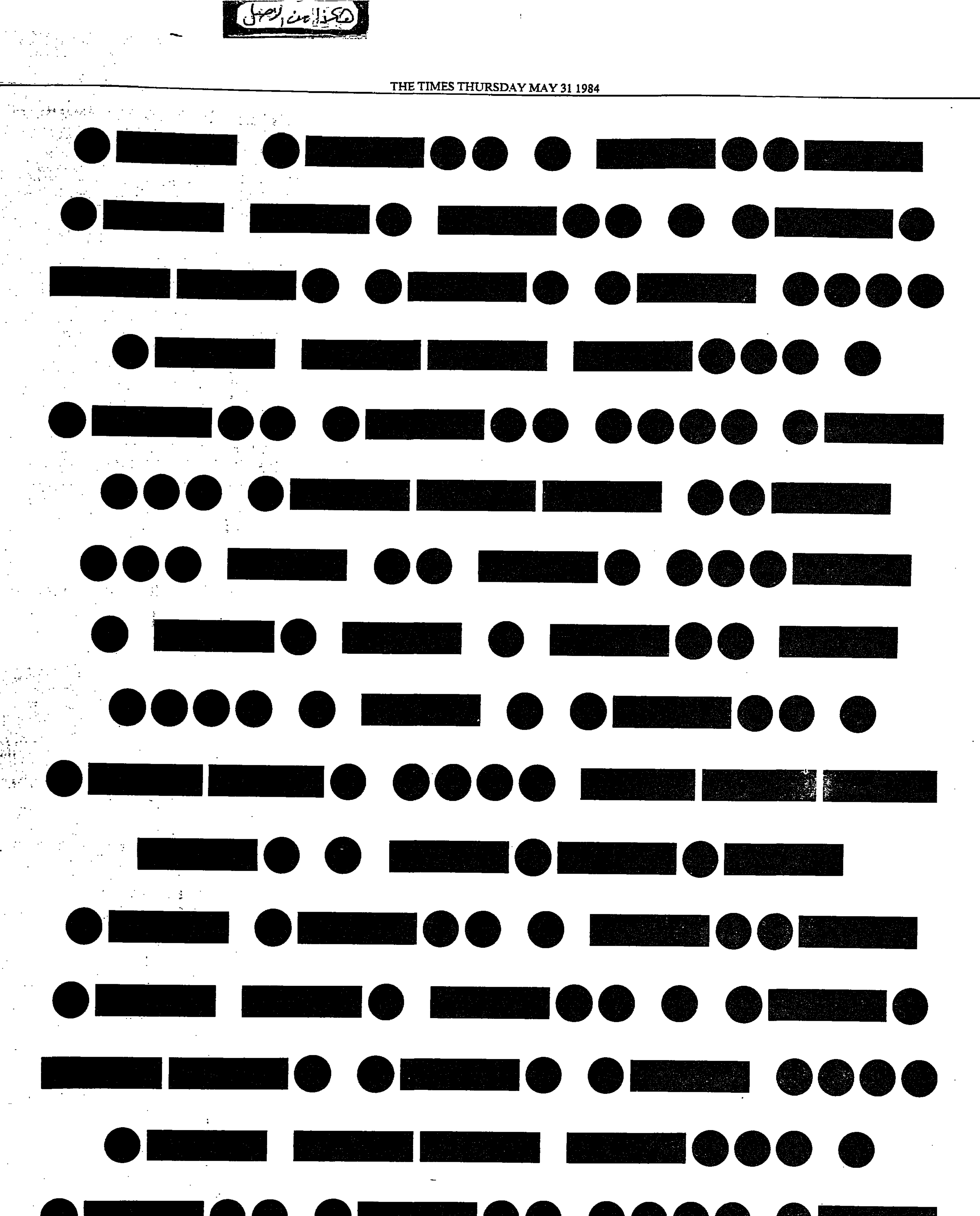
Officials travelling with Mrs Kirkpatrick said she would also meet members of the opposition who so far have captured 62 of the 183 elective seats in the National Assembly, as well as opposition leaders who boycotted the election.

Mrs Kirkpatrick refused to comment when asked whether the opposition's electoral success was nullified by President Marcos's continued exercise of his decree-making powers.

"I do not know the Philippines constitution and I would not dream of commenting on it," she said.

She was asked how the Reagan Administration would respond if the Filipino people voted in a referendum to dismantle America's two largest military bases, Clark Air Force Base and Subic Bay Naval Base.

Washington would respect any decision made through constitutional means by the Filipino people, she said.



Employers lock out more men in Germany

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

The German engineering strike took a sharp turn for the worse yesterday after the breakdown of renewed talks between the metalworkers' union and the employers on Tuesday evening. Employers responded yesterday morning with widespread lockouts in Hesse.

The employers had offered to cut the working week for shift and night workers from 40 to 38 hours, but this was swiftly rejected by IG Metall, the engineering union, as it would affect only about 14 per cent of the workforce. The union was adamant that the employers should make a general five-hour cut in the working week.

The swift breakdown of talks further embittered the atmosphere, and yesterday 17 industrial unions affiliated to the German Trades Union Federation called on their members in Hesse to stage sympathy strikes in solidarity with the locked out metalworkers. IG Metall has already appealed to an industrial court to declare lock-outs illegal as they violate the constitution of the Hesse *Laud*, and a Frankfurt court began hearing the complaint yesterday.

The Volkswagen car company has sent 100,000 employees on a compulsory one-week holiday because of a shortage of components, and by yesterday Ford was the only car firm still working.

Irish priest denies role in murder of mayor

Bacolod, Phillippines (Reuter, AFP) – Father Niall O'Brien, the Irish priest accused of taking part in the killing of a mayor and four other people in the central Philippines, told a court yesterday that he was in Manila for several days before and after the murder.

He said he had been a friend of Pablo Sola, mayor of the town of Kabankalan near here, for almost 20 years.

Father O'Brien, Father Brian Gore, an Australian, and six church workers have denied murdering the mayor and his four aides on March 10, 1982. A Filipino priest has already been acquitted. Father O'Brien told Judge Emilio Legaspi that he went to Manila on February 8, 1982, and returned to his church on March 22 after attending a convention and taking annual leave.

Asked whether it would have been possible for him to have gone back to Bacolod on the night of March 10, he said: "If I had a private jet or borrowed a helicopter . . . but, even, then, I could not do it." A German priest testified that he had had dinner in Manila with Father O'Brien on the night of March 10.

The Irish priest's former cook earlier said his employer was present during the ambush and gave him 1,000 pesos (£50) as "reward for his participation".



East meets West: Mme Edith Cresson, the French Minister for External Trade, welcomes Mr Zhao at Orly airport.

Sun shines on Zhao's visit to Paris

Paris (Reuter) – The Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Zhao Ziyang, met President Mitterrand in Paris yesterday at the start of a six-nation West European tour that will take him to Belgium, Scandinavia and Italy.

Mr Zhao, who will spend five days in France, arrived in bright sunshine at the Elysee Palace where a guard of honour lined the steps. M Mitterrand greeted him warmly

Mr Zhao was expected to discuss with M Mitterrand a wide range of international problems including East-West relations. France and China share a desire to maintain a distance from the two superpowers.

The left-wing newspaper *Le Matin* commented: "Zhao has come to show that China has a continuing political identity, which leads Peking to play a subtle balancing game between the superpowers."

The main purpose of Mr Zhao's 18-day tour is to boost trade and cooperation and French commentators said he was likely to discuss China's desire to deal with a strong, united European Community.

Aborigines contaminated in British nuclear tests

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Some Aborgines were contaminated by the British atomic tests in South Australia, the Federal Government has admitted.

Senator Peter Walsh, the Minister for Resources and Energy, said that a full inquiry might be necessary. It had been verified that at least four aborigines had been exposed to radiation hazards from the nuclear tests, and more may have received dangerous doses.

The admission by Canberra follows repeated reports that Aborignes were exposed to radiation, and the disclosure by a dying RAF technician, John Burke, that he found the bodies of four Aborigines after what had been described as "minor trials" at the Maralinga test site in 1963.

Mr Burke's revelation was made only days before he died of cancer, which he claimed was a result of his work on the British atomic test programmes. He had not spoken out before because he believed that he was still bound by the Official Secrets Act.

The British High Commission in Canberra made it clear on Tuesday that people who took part in the British nuclear tests at Maralinga and elsewhere in Australia in the 1950s and 1960s "and who have information concerning their individual self are entirely free to make such information available to the Australian authorities". The High Commission said that this included British servicemen at the tests.

Mr Walsh's admission was contained in an answer to a parliamentary question on Tuesday. A spokesman for his department said later that when the Senator spoke of the four Aborigines exposed to radiation he was referring to those mentioning in the report of the Australian Ionizing Radiation Advisory Council on the British tests, published last year.

However, the senator said that there were also written reports by a native patrol officer near Maralings at the time of the tests, which said that "natives have been living well inside the Maralinga prohibited zone continuously from before the establishment of the atomic weapons testing grounds".

Mr Walsh added: "The possibility that other Aborigines were in the area at some time between 1953 and 1957 has always existed.

"There is, I believe, one verified report that Aborigines were contaminated. Whether they were actually in the area at the time an atomic took place is not known."

New victims of Zia's drive to Islamic fundamentalism

Opposition defy political ban

Islamabad – The movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD), which met in Peshwawar on Monday rejected General Zia's election plan and demanded that polls should be held strictly under the suspended constitution of 1973 (Hasan Akhtar writes).

The military government in the North West Frontier province has banned the entry of 14 MRD leaders.

Ahmedi sect facing purge in Pakistan

From Our Own Correspondent, Karachi

Reinforcing its appeal to Muslim fundamentalists, the martial law regime of President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq is bearing down hard on a little known Muslim sect known as Ahmedis after its founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmed.

They have been banned from calling themselves Muslims, from calling their religion Islam, from using the word *masjid* or mosque to describe their place of worship, and from using various other Muslim words to describe their prayers and practices.

These bans are enforced under an ordinance which threatens them with imprisonment for up to three years and an unlimited fine.

The Muslim mullahs and maulvis in Islamic Pakistan are now encouraged to call for further restrictions on the sect, and the Government has begun compiling a list of Ahmedis in senior government positions. Both the Ahmedis and their tormentors believe that this can only be preliminary to a widespread purge.

The Ahmedis, who are also known as Quaddianis after the birthplace of the founder, now in Indian Punjab, believe him to be another – though lesser – prophet of Islam, also to be the second incarnation of Jesus Christ, and avatar of the Hindus' Krishna. They are a missionary sect, however, who set out to bring their converts to Islam, belief in one God, his Prophet Muhammad, and the Koran.

They worship Allah in much the same way as regular Muslims, with prayers five times a day and the faithful summoned to prayer

The Ahmedis are being careful to keep a low profile at present, fearful that drawing attention to themselves by protests or objections could bring down even worse action against them.

Now that they have been compelled to register as non-Muslims they could face the religious punishment that awaits converts away from Islam: they could be stoned to death.

At the Qaddiani mosque, where the call to prayers is done *mezzo voce* in a busy commercial section of Karachi, the gates are bolted and barred and guarded by two tall young volunteers from the community. Volunteers over 40 do different work clerical, or supervisory, but the under-forties provide some measure of security against the rage of the righteous.

The volunteers, who were anxious not to be identified, spoke fearfully of "the general agitation against our organization", and complained that it was not the business of a government to decide who is a Muslim and who is not

The present leader of the sect, Imam Mirza Tahir Ahmed, is now in London, where he has been hoping to encourage some expressions of regret at the moves against his followers.

Punjab attacks kill 10

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

As Kashmir returned to normal after a spate of protest demonstrations against the riots in Bombay and Bhiwandi, a wave of terrorist attacks in Punjab claimed 10 lives in the past 24 hours.

Five people, including two border security policemen, were shot dead in the Amritsar district; three others were shot in a village in Batala; a Punjab State Electricty Board architect was murdered in Patiala; and a shopkeeper was whacked to death with swords and another seriously injured in the town of Tarantaran.

Wafd chief insists poll was rigged

From Alice Brinton
Cairo

The results of Egypt's parliamentary elections have, not surprisingly, drawn fire from all the opposition leaders. The official returns form Sunday's voting, announced by Mr Hassan Abu Basha, the Minister of the Interior, gave President Mubarak's National Democratic Party 391 of the 448 seats in the new Parliament, which will assemble on June 23.



Mr Abu Basha: Defended poll results.

The only other party to get the 8 per cent of the vote required by the electoral law to qualify for seats in Parliament was the New Wafd, which finished with 57.

This did not appear to console. The New Wafd leader, Mr Fuad Seragaddin, who denounced the elections as a farce, and repeated charges that the National Democrats had rigged them. His accusations were echoed by the other three opposition party leaders who failed to get the necessary 8 per cent.

Since the elections all the opposition groups have charged that NDP partisans stormed some polling stations, ejected voters and stuffed ballot boxes. The Interior Minister said on Tuesday that such accusations "conflicted completely with reality and were meant to cast doubts on the soundness of the election".

Cooking oil victims besiege González

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Scores of victims of Spain's mysterious "toxic syndrome" gathered outside the residence of Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, yesterday to shout out their demand for fresh research into the deadly disease which the authorities blame on adulterated cooking oil.

Doubts were cast on the cooking oil theory last week, when a scientific research report, prepared for the National Commission for the Toxic Syndrome, was leaked to the media.

The report claimed that not everyone who fell ill with the disease had, in fact, consumed the adulterated oil, and not everyone who actually did got sick. It also asserted that the number of cases of the illness began to diminish some time before Spaniards were warned to be wary of unsafe cooking oil.

Señor Carmen Salanueva, The director-General of the commission, hastened to point out that the leaked report was incomplete and that it did not offer any alternative to the theory that bad oil was the cause.

About 50 people suffering from the wasting disease staged a sit-in on Tuesday morning at the Roman Catholic archbishop's residence here, to seek support for their campaign for further research into the ailment's causes.

Representaives of the group said that, if the recent report was incomplet, then the commission is responsible for this,



Arms and the man: Soldiers patrol the streets of Jaffna (left) and President Jayewardene (right)

Innocent victims are caught in Colombo-Tamil crossfire

In the first of two articles from Sri Lanka, Michael Hamlyn, South Asia correspondent, explains why the Tamils of the north see the Army as an alien force of oppression.

Part 1

SRI LANKA

Mr Sinniah Ponnampalam, aged 62, a retired clerk from the Attorney-General's department, stood at the gate of his sister's compound in Wyman Road, Jaffna, one day last month. Like 99 per cent of the inhabitants of this northern town, he is a Tamil, and though in the majority here, the Tamils are in a considerable minority in the island as a whole.

Two soldiers stood at the end of Wyman Road. Like 99 per cent of the Sri Lankan armed forces, they were Sinhalese. They were nervous, as well they might be, because Tamil extremists had been throwing bombs or shooting at fellow-soldiers.

'Jaffna is a war zone,' a diplomat said

The two shot Mr Ponnampalam. It was 11.15am. His sister and daughter had to wait an hour for transport to take him to hospital, where he died at 1.10pm. Mr Ponnampalam was not a guerrilla. He was not even breaking a curfew, which would not begin until noon. Although an official version of his killing said the shots were fired at 2.30, which would have put it in curfew time, he had already been dead for more than an hour by then.

Mr Ponnampalam was simply another victim of the state of hostilities between the Sri Lankan Government and its northern population. "Jaffna", a Sri Lankan diplomat said, "is a war zone."

Mr Tharmalingam Pararajasingham, a grocer with a store in Hospital Road – he is also a Tamil – was cycling home the next day, again just before curfew. His brother was with him as he approached the railway crossing.

"I saw the person who was going in a bicycle ahead of me being shot by some army personnel who were hiding behind an Asoka tree", he said later in a letter of complaint to the police. He and his brother dismounted. "At that moment, I heard two other shots and I noticed two other cyclists, who came behind, falling down." The brothers were tucked for a little time into a culvert. They heard a shot and, when they got out, there were four bodies lying at the roadside.

"The Army," said Dr B. Deogopulle, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Jaffna, a Tamil like his flock, "is behaving like a foreign army occupying a conquered territory". The names of and incidents surrounding Mr Ponnampalam and Mr Pararajasingham are made public only because of pressure from a Tamil-run citizens' committee in Jaffna.

Even so, the reluctance of people to come forward and be named in complaints against the military is marked.

A walk down Hospital Road in the centre of Jaffna will amply confirm the fact that the town is a war zone. It will also show that the aggression does not come only from one side. Gaunt, blackened shops peer sightlessly on to the street. A Buddhist temple is riuned, the bell-shaped dagoba broken like an egg, the statue of Buddha burnt and covered with rubble.

The Church of Our Lady of Refuge has four shell holes punched into its apse. The remains of a lorry, burnt and rusted, lie outside the churchyard. A Sinhalese school next door in uninhabitable.

When they got out, there were four bodies in the road

Tamil extremists blew up an army lorry at the end of the road on April 9, and the Army went berserk. They burnt every car in the street – 23, according to the citizens' committee – and motor-scooters, too. They burnt houses and shops

The Tamils turned on their oppressors. They attacked the Buddhist temple and the Sinhalese school. Tamils are mostly Hindu or Christian; the Sinhalese are mainly Buddhist.

The Government moved swiftly to avoid a reaction against Tamils in the south and west of the island republic. President Jayewardene has expressed concern at the accusations against the armed forces and is searching for ways to reduce that criticism.

Tomorrow: Security policy

Mugabe on way to one-party state

**From Stephen Taylor
Harare**

After years of talk, the Zimbabwe Government is getting down in earnest to join Africa's fraternity of one-party states. The outcome is not in doubt, only the timing and the manner.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, has indicated that his Zanu(PF) party will contest the election due to be held by February on a platform seeking to outlaw opposition parties, which are already cowed or in disarray.

Amid the Matabeleland troubles, Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu is an obvious impediment to Mr Mugabe's plans, but by no means the only one. Some observers believe that he has problems enough with his own party.

A host of divisive influences are at work within the party, chiefly rivalries among the Shona-speaking tribes (Karanga, Zezuru and Manica) posing as ideological differences.

Mr Mugabe, although a professed Marxist, is believed to be unhappy about some of these trends and at times recently he has looked less than authoritative, unable or unwilling to move even against colleagues under heavy suspicion of corruption.

The Party congress in August will afford Mr Mugabe an opportunity to abandon consensus leadership, to marshal his resources and impose command on a fractious party. How he succeeds should dictate Zanu(PF)'s approach to the elections and to opposition parties.

Whatever happens, there will be no accommodation with Shona-based parties such as the United African National Council, which was seen as Mr Mugabe's main rival in the independence election, but was roundly trounced. Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the UANC leader and former prime minister, has been in detention for eight months after advocating diplomatic relations with Israel.

Much as he might wish to, Mr Mugabe cannot dismiss Zapu and Mr Nkomo so easily. The Ndebele-based party has 19 seats in Parliament and until the disastrous rift of February 1982, it was conventional wisdom that Zapu and Zanu (PF) would one day merge.

In spite of what has happened since – the Matabeleland troubles and brutal army reprisals – that is still a vague possibility.

Opera

Luxuriant in the Leppard style

L'incoronazione di Poppea
Glyndebourne

Every Glyndebourne season is festive, but in this fiftieth birthday year there is much to celebrate, and the choice of operas justifiably reflects some of the house's great triumphs: in Mozart of course; in the sophisticated comedies of Richard Strauss; and in baroque opera as adapted for modern tastes by Raymond Leppard.

Twenty-two years ago the Glyndebourne production of Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea*, in Mr Leppard's edition, spearheaded our discovery of the luscious, sexy world of Venetian opera in the middle years of the seventeenth century, creating ripples that have been felt as far afield as Oslo and Santa Fe and even Bracknell, where last week Opera Factory London Sinfonietta started life with Cavalli's *Callisto* (another Glyndebourne first).

Now, after a gap of some years, Glyndebourne returns to this repertory for the first new production of the season, and revisits *Poppea*, whose ascription to Monteverdi has in the interim become somewhat more doubtful. In Sussex, however, that scarecely matters, for the presiding musical imagination of the evening is still Mr Leppard's.

Much has changed in the performance of seventeenth-century music since the early 1960s. Some of us have even learnt to love the sound of violins played continuously without vibrato. But Mr Leppard is unrepentant in seeking a more luxurious style, and, although this performance is claimed as a "revised version" of his 1962 edition, the score remains richly orchestrated with harpsichord, organ, various plucked instruments and full strings. It is a superb and euphonious band, and surely no less authentic than more austere groups in realizing so vividly the slithering sensuality and the glamour of this music.

Mr Leppard has an article in the programme book that reads as distinctly defensive in the light of the criticisms levelled at him (not least in this paper at the time of the Glyndebourne *Callisto*), but really the performance, which he conducts, speaks amply for itself.

It is assisted in doing so by Sir Peter Hall's discreet production. While playing the drama out quite straightforwardly, this receives animation from two quarters: from John Bury's lighting, which opens the box set out towards vistas of scarlet and magenta, and from the appearance throughout of the allegorical figures from the prologue – Fortune, Virtue and Love – who remain as moving statues on an upper level to make a gentle patter of comment on the action in grouping and mime.

Virtue is naturally in troubled focus when the predicaments of the noble Otho and the wronged Octavia are at issue. Fortune seems to smile on Nero and Love on Poppaea, although the final climax of the opera, the gorgeous duet for Nero and the new Empress, who has reached the top on her back, is presided over by a Love cast into the shadows.



Maria Ewing: a virtue of vulnerability

That is, of course, absolutely fitting. Love has no part in the story of Nero and Poppaea, and it is equally right that they should sing their closing duet in the crowns and vermillion of imperial state, each wrapped wholly and impregnably in self. Dennis Bailey is well endowed in physique to play the image of dissipation, and his singing rings with the idleness of self-indulgence. Maria Ewing as Poppaea has to be more determined, although she could afford to let her volume slacken a little; she is most impressive when she uses her voice to seduce rather than to impose, and makes its vulnerability an erotic virtue.

The ousted empress Octavia is beautifully sung by Cynthia Clarey, who makes an impressive British debut. Given a character who has nothing to do but lament her plight at considerable length twice, Miss Clarey uses gesture and sensitive vocal inflexion to bring interest to every moment she is on stage: she rightly seems the only real person in the opera, the only one not wildly intoxicated by sex and power.

Among the rest, Keith Lewis shines in his duet of drunken rivalry with Nero, Linda Kitchen is a prettily ironic Love and Anne-Marie Owens as Arnalta makes much of her lullaby and her confessional aside to the audience, that desperately deserves some response other than dumb bemusement. Indeed, all the production needs is a livelier public.

Paul Griffiths

Concert

Messiah
Westminster Abbey

If the reputation of Handel's *Messiah* as a national monument rather than a mere piece of music has a precise origin, it must be the famous performance held exactly 200 years ago on Tuesday in Westminster Abbey which was chronicled in its every detail by Charles Burney. From that date the principle of enlarging performing forces to match the tenor of the times became established, and *Messiah* was well on its way to its place as an icon of nineteenth-century culture.

In this historically inclined age, one might have expected the bicentenary of this occasion, celebrated by the Royal Society of Musicians, to be marked with a precise reconstruction of the 1784 commemoration – as would be perfectly possible from the diagrams and descriptions in Burney's account. But even Westminster Abbey has changed since then: Peel, Canning, Gladstone, Disraeli and the rest clamour stonily for our attention, and the memorials of musicians since Handel are set into the floor ... Perhaps it was wise to attempt not a recreation of vanished glories, but instead a performance to suit the temper of our own time.

So Simon Preston directed the Abbey Choir and the Academy of Ancient Music in an account that was very similar, right down to the versions for all the multiple-choice movements, to the one with which his former Christ Church Choir, Oxford, collaborated on record with Christopher Hogwood. The forces were those of a Foundling Hospital revival in 1754: that building held only 1,000 people, and it may well be that those at the back of the Abbey heard far less than those of us near the front.

Still, much of what we did hear was exhilarating, and suggested that Preston has already brought the Abbey choir to a very high standard. All the adult sections could still do with better blending, more evenness, but their agility and focus matched those of the boys, which was remarkable. Preston never, as one may feel the Hogwood recording often does, adopts a *laissez-faire* attitude to articulation and expression, and the incisiveness of his rhythmic direction was always a pleasure. "Surely he has borne our griefs" was fast and furious, "Let us break their bonds" vivid and sharp, and the chamber choruses of Part 1 were a delight.

In the slower sections Preston sometimes slipped into a more conventional frame of expression; it was asking a great deal of a rather lightweight team of soloists to fill this vast church even from their vantage point in the pulpit, and tension flagged during Sarah Leonard's bright but sometimes wavering soprano arias and Catherine Denley's aptly sober but quiet alto arias.

Martyn Hill and Lawrence Wallington were more dramatic, and the efficient orchestral playing was crowned by splendid trumpets and drums, twisting the tension to its height with the simplest of musical gestures as only Handel knew how. At those moments Handel remains the greatest of contemporary composers: if you seek a monument, listen.

Nicholas Kenyon

Theatre

Julius Caesar
Barbican

Ron Daniels's production (the latest of the 1983 Stratford season to reach the Barbican) begins and ends with the figure of the Soothsayer, who also puts in a sepulchral appearance at Philippi, promoted from a fortune-teller to a blind prophet.

Taking that in conjunction with the text-obliterating storm scene and Nick Chelton's lighting of climactic events as nightmares backed with grotesque superhuman shadows, you are invited to view the play as a fatal machine grinding along its predestined course irrespective of human will.

The only character who appears aware of this is Peter McEnery's Brutus, who abandons his usual phlegmatic calm for a shriek of defiance against the surrounding "hideous dream", and explodes into irrational rage in defence of the powers of reason. For once, Brutus does exercise the moral authority to which his friends and enemies defer, while preserving the cold priggishness and self-admiration on which modern actors delight to dwell. One of the most affecting moments comes at the end of the tent scene with Cassius lingering by the exit longing for an affectionate goodnight, but only getting a curt dismissal from McEnery, who is already absorbed in another piece of paper.

Otherwise, destiny has an inescapably belittling effect on its playthings. Joseph O'Conor's Caesar comes on as an over-confident old bull, ripe for slaughter.

David Schofield's dapper little Antony underplays the funeral oration in a soft, lachrymose style that almost suggests sleep-walking, and draws no contrast between the demagogue and the opportunistic politician.

Emrys James's Cassius departs furthest of all from the lean, revolutionary prototype: he presents a sardonic joker, private interest all but eclipsing his republican fervour, and clearly a worn-out old dog by the time he reaches the battlefield. It is a wily and varied reading of a political realist who might have affected the course of events but for his obstinate partner (I shall remember James, sword in hand, eyeing Antony hungrily as they leave the Senate chamber). But it is only half the role.

Other points to admire are Gemma Jones's Portia, who covers all the primary human emotions in the course of her short scene; and the opening spectacle of Caesar's giant effigy undergoing rebuke from the tribunes. There are several conspicuous dead-end bits of invention (such as the sight of Lepidus eavesdropping on Antony and Octavius) which might have been ironed out since Stratford.

Irving Wardle

The Man Outside
Old Red Lion

Dying in his twenties like Büchner a century earlier, Wolfgang Borchert left a tiny but explosive dramatic legacy. *The Man Outside*, written for radio and staged the day after his death in 1947, follows in the line of Expressionist drama depicting a returning soldier's degradation and despair (like *Hinkemann* of 1922, recently revived). The difference is that Borchert's Beckmann, after the Second World War, returns to a Germany literally razed and a post-atomic world wracked with bewilderment and shame.

Courageously led by Trevor Blythe as the purblind, shaven-headed young veteran, limping in his ragged greatcoat, the Soft Options Company (ironic name) tackle this angry, uncompromising piece confidently.

Dick Waring's production not only captures the desolation but gets the snarling grotesque humour precisely right. Groszian caricatures abound: the massy Gareth Adams doubles as a Junker goose-stepping in his own dining-room and a coarse old woman in a green headscarf who represents the River Elbe, scornfully rejecting an attempted suicide.

Discovering that his wife has left him, his baby has died in the bombing and his parents have gassed themselves, Beckmann also meets Death in the guise of a cackling Dickensian undertaker (Max Arthur) and God Himself, or in this production Herself (Carol Thompson), moaning that no one believes in Her and that She can do nothing.

Above all, Beckmann cannot shake off, or even pass up to superiors, the guilt for 11 deaths in his section. His heavily written scene with a complacent colonel reeks with the bitterness of a generation used and then shunned, and his cinematic image of War as a xylophonist playing on men's bones rivals Aeschylus's "money-changer in corpses". Remarkably, though, he shows total indifference to war's particular causes: no mention of Hitler, or of who bombed Hamburg and why.

Beckmann's optimistic *alter ego* (Sam Neophytou) thus missed his best arguments and, even after tightening David Porter's snappy translation, the writing numbs with overkill (especially in a sarcastic scene with an effete theatre director who objects just that). But, as an unanswered cry to heaven, it is awesone and all too contemporary.

Anthony Masters

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Paul Cox seems an isolated figure in the film world, a director of tension, fragility and weird humour. His *Man of Flowers* opens in London tomorrow: interview by **Geoff Brown**

Standing up for silence

"What has John Wayne given me?", Paul Cox cries. "How to behave like a fool and raise a gun? When he died, the White House almost closed down. But what has he given me?" Little, clearly, except nausea, fury and a blinding headache. This should not surprise us: Wayne would slot into a Paul Cox film with the grace of a gorilla in high heels. Cox – born in the Netherlands in 1940, resident in Australia, but at home, by his own admission, nowhere – makes tense, fragile films, alive with extraordinary compassion, visual beauty and quirky humour.

His favourite heroes are cut from his own cloth: off-beat, solitary individuals, adrift from conventional society. *Lonely Hearts*, featured at the 1982 London Film Festival, focused on a middle-aged bachelor attempting love with a shrinking violet. The subsequent *Man of Flowers*, which opens at the Screen-on-the-Hill in London tomorrow, tells the entrancingly strange story of Charles Bremer – a reclusive connoisseur of music, flowers and the female form, running the gauntlet of gauche modern life. Like Bremer, Cox stands up for silence, inner harmony and a European sensibility – stranded but surviving in the Antipodes.

Childhood encouraged Cox's aptitude for isolation: "I had an awful, a very difficult time. I was extraordinarily shy: it was hard for me to go into a café, even when I was 22 and went to Australia as an exchange student." Yet there was cultural sustenance in his family background: a German-born mother with French and East European ancestry; a film-making father, Wim Cox, half-German, half-Belgian, who worked in features and documentaries until the war gobbled up the family fortunes. Like Bergman's childhood surrogate in *Fanny and Alexander*, young Paul played, wide-eyed, with a magic lantern, though he never specifically yearned for a career in films.

By 1963 he was settled in Australia, and practising still photography: subjects included Nepal, New Guinea and "the stillness and the silences between people". "I had exhibitions around the country, and suddenly I did quite well. But I gave my success away because photography didn't seem right – I had nothing more to say. All the money I made went into



Werner Herzog in eerie childhood flashback in *Man of Flowers*

films, very obscure, strange affairs into which I put a lot of energy and time. Then I put them on the shelf: they're little children, and they're quite happy there." Titles display cryptic simplicity: *Matula*, *Time Past*, *Skin Deep*, *Symphony*. The turning-point was *Island*, 10 minutes long, completed in 1975 after six months' continuous labour. "That's where I learnt to dedicate myself totally, to go into a tunnel, and something amazing flashed at me: there was this magic at work, and I started to understand film."

The result brought him the praise and close friendship of Werner Herzog, who appears in *Man of Flowers* during eerie childhood flashbacks, playing the hero's father. That same year, Cox switched decisively from photography to cinema, though his passion continues for the still-life form, for extreme subtleties of design and colour. On his last three features the cameraman has been the Soviet emigré Yuri Sokol, once senior lecturer at the Moscow State Institute of Culture. "He came to stay – one singles out the underdog, and one must have a few friends! He comes from a very traditional school – he would put up lights for exterior shots, which is terribly against my grain. So at first we had big fights. At one point in *Lonely Hearts* I had to smash his head in. But we work splendidly now: he's totally dedicated, totally giving. It's the same with the art director, with all of the crew and cast: we're a family of friends that go to the battlefield."

The battle is being fought over personal cinema, and Cox defends the concept with a force even John Wayne might respect. "Film-making around the world is in grave trouble, because it's not the film-makers who make the films – it's the producers, committees, the accountants, and their wives. These people never go to the cinema, or to a play. They don't read books, they don't talk to children, they have no time for standing around on corners. Yet they make the decisions about the most powerful medium of our time – and they patronize and rape the audience right, left and centre. It's absolutely terrifying."

Despite the hostile climate, Cox can now claim his own niche in the Australian industry: he controls the production strings, his films win applause and prizes. *Man of Flowers* kept six commercial cinemas busy for six months, and Norman Kaye's beautifully controlled central performance won him the Australian Film Institute's Best Actor award.

Cox regards the situation with amazement: "It's absolutely extraordinary what's happened to me, just by sticking to my own thing and believing the world has a conscience. It's restored my faith in humanity. Werner Herzog and I went to see *Lonely Hearts* in a suburban cinema in Melbourne: we were the youngest there, all around were wonderful people with purple flowery hats and matching handbags. And they loved the film – one woman was so hysterical with laughter, she had to be carried from the cinema. It appealed very much to Werner's bizarre sense of humour."

Paul Cox: "There was this magic at work . . ."

Much of the verbal lunacy in *Man of Flowers* derives from Cox's script collaborator Bob Ellis, best known for his work on *Newsfront*. "He's as difficult as I am. We're all difficult. But he's a very fast thinker, brilliant with dialogue, and the combination of these two nuts seems to work. One stream of *Man of Flowers* is very serious, very strong, very sombre: but it's mixed with a crazy melting-pot of contemporary madness, and the fusion gives the film this strange flavour."

Shooting took a feverish three weeks, and many suffered intense emotional after-effects. "Something magical happened – everybody in the crew couldn't come down to earth for a long time." But most of them gathered together for *My First Wife*, now in post-production, the story of a marriage break-up. Cox promises something "very intense, very crazy; it came out of real, true agony". Success has not made life or the creative process any easier for the director, though he takes comfort in his new public profile: "I'm very humble and grateful that I now have an audience. And I have great faith in the woman with the purple hat and matching handbag: she's my mother."

Dance

Surface of display

Festival Ballet
Coliseum

The central part of Festival Ballet's latest mixed bill is by Ben Stevenson, once the company's ballet master and now artistic director of the Houston Ballet for which the two works shown on Tuesday were created: *Four Last Songs*, which takes both title and theme from the Strauss song-cycle, joined the repertory last year.

Made for eight dancers and a large draped curtain, the ballet was danced with sincerity and conviction. But several viewings have left me with the uncomfortable suspicion that it consists largely of portentous running and gesticulation, interspersed with some spectacular lifts.

This year's Stevenson, *Britten pas de deux*, is a piece of unashamed bravura, with costumes and choreography which look as if they would be more at home in an ice review. Andria Hall does not possess the dazzling virtuosity of Suzanne Longley, for whom the role was made. But she dances prettily, though lacking the extra technical reserves which would allow her to have fun with the steps.

Ben Van Cauwenbergh looks frankly overstretched, but partners attentively. The ballet brings a welcome opportunity to hear some of Britten's music for *The Prince of the Pagodas*, but it could have been better played, and the same has to be said for the musical content of the entire evening.

In *Dances from Napoli*, which opened the programme, the men, notably Matz Skoog and Koen Onzia, far outshone the women, who appeared to be sinking under the weight of ribbons and trimmings on their costumes. And I find some of the details in this busy production worrying, for instance the synchronized tambourine waving. Tuesday evening's lighting effects I can only describe as demented: I assume something went wrong.

All praise then to a well-rehearsed *Graduation Ball*, with Lucia Truglia enchanting as the Naughty Pupil, Onzia as her admirer and Mark Silver a dashing Junior Cadet.

Judith Cruickshank

Reggae

Gregory Isaacs
Lyceum

Such is the flexibility of Gregory Isaacs's vocal prowess that he does not deserve to be typecast to a particular style. Isaacs is first and foremost a reggae singer, the best male interpreter of lovers' rock, but the warmth of his delivery suggests constant reserves of soul. In addition there is a militant, bluesy strain to his writing which he balances with a light and often mocking sense of sharp-edged pop.

Isaacs's long-awaited string of British dates were greeted with the curiousity fitting a man awaiting the outcome of a Jamaican trial for gun possession, but bail and the current lack of a record company did not cramp his style. Immaculately turned out, this natty dread was ushered on-stage to an instrumental fanfare from the backing Roots Radics Band (themselves musicians with impeccable Kingston credentials), which recalled a James Brown entrance mixed with the screams expected for a matinée idol.

Isaacs proceeded to delight with his easy music and even more hypnotic phrasing, the spell only breaking when his audience took over a chorus or applauded at the conclusion of a seamless medley.

While Isaacs was treating his repertoire with such majestic ease – running from "Out Deh" to "Slow Down the Pace" or contrasing his jokey songs of seduction like "Night Nurse" and "Private Secretary" – one could only marvel at his sinuous stage presence and speculate on the possibilities of hearing him either duetting or leading a vocal group on the melancholic "Sorry to See You Go" and "I Don't Want to be Lonely Tonight".

The show ended with Isaacs, the self-styled Cool Ruler, throwing roses to the fans and even making that old gesture seem refined. He is after all an assured entertainer. If the Reggae Sunsplash festival is being held in Britain soon it is hard to believe there is anyone better equipped to top the bill than this man.

Max Bell

Television

Perversions of physical perfection

To non-athletic viewers without even a track-suit camouflage, whom one might suppose these days to be a broody minority, BBC2's **Brass Tacks** last night offered some ammunition. *Sport Can Damage Your Health* was the producer Peter Wilkinson's subject and he may well have induced some beneficial inhibitions in those to whom a trip through the pain barrier is the ultimate in leisure activity.

Child gymnastics, soccer, rugger, marathon running and squash – all were examined and medical evidence was produced to demonstrate how dangerous they could be when enthusiasm overwhelms discretion and medical safeguards are dismissed.

In child gymnastics, the culprits are pushy parents – "frustrated athletes" – and coaches who believe that pain points the road to perfection. It can lead to long-term damage. In soccer, a survey of 92 League clubs revealed that only a quarter had full-time physiotherapists. More than half used doctors with no specialist sports medicine training. Often that ministering angel with the sponge is just the coach who has neither diagnostic skill nor training.

Players for clubs with limited resources are under pressure to turn out no matter what. Dr Nigel Harris, the League's insurance doctor, said that between 25 and 30 per cent of the players he sees who have to retire early have injuries worsened by poor treatment. The England soccer manager Bobby Robson was cautionary about over-playing youngsters and a Taunton doctor told of two 13-year-olds who had been given anabolic steroids during their association with a famous League club. He hoped it could be put down to ignorance.

Professor Raymond Brooks, of St Thomas's, was explicit about the malevolent effects of steroids and Ron Pickering, the former British athletics coach, spoke of *The Underground Handbook of Steroids*, selling at 20p, which, he had been horrified to find, told where to get drugs and how to inject them. Whatever the drug or the side-effects, some athletes, it appears, are prepared to take the risk.

Peter Gibbs's **Benefit of the Doubt**, also on BBC2, indicated a possible compromise for those who seek power but shun hurt. It was a fairly funny play about the hazards of being a cricket umpire. Paul Antony-Barber was the aspirant to the big time; Colin Douglas the deflationary veteran. Produced by Brenda Reid and directed by Paul Seed, it was well acted and its 45-minute innings was just about right.

Dennis Hackett







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Tom Stoppard writes an imaginary film history of Solidarity. The American backers want a docudrama. The result – eight directors and an $800,000 row later – arrives on Channel 4 tonight. Its author reflects on the experience of *Squaring the Circle*

Lech's troubles with Chuck, Bruce and Bob



At the beginning of 1982, about a month after the imposition of martial law in Poland, a producer named Fred Brogger suggested that I should write a television film about Solidarity. Thus began a saga, only moderately exceptional by these standards, which has gone through four or five scripts, and eight directors (one of them twice), and has resulted in two versions of a film called *Squaring The Circle*, one for Britain and one for America.

Fred started by taking on a professional researcher. Soon I was in possession of tens of thousands of facts about Poland but it was far from clear what had to be done with them. They took in everything from a summary of 600 years of Polish history to the make of General Jaruzelski's car (a BMW). Naturally, the more detailed the information the more questions were left begging. What *colour* was the BMW? It was green. Excellent. But what colour was the upholstery?

We had a meeting in the middle of February. The minutes (this was an efficient operation) state: "The principal problem, Tom feels, is that we don't *know* what happened and what was said . . . Whatever he portrays will be taken as fact rather than as "fiction" by his audience unless there is some form of disclaimer or a dramatic device which will make it clear . . ."

This was becoming my main worry. Documentary fiction, is always in danger of seeming to claim to know more than a film maker *can* know. Accurate detail mingles with arty detail, without distinguishing marks, and history mingles with good and bad guesses. One example which we kept coming back to was the character of General Jaruzelski. Some saw him as a hard liner, Moscow's Man, others saw him as a "patriot" forced into a tough Polish solution to stave off a tougher Russian one. We tended to think of him as "a moderate". I recall that this judgment was based on an item in the research material: Jaruzelski, as minister of defence, had once refused to order Polish soldiers to fire on Polish workers. Two years later, soon after the film containing this fact was in the can, I learned that it probably wasn't true.

It was the fear of just such imponderables and just such confusion between small truths and large speculations (the wrong Jaruzelski in the right car) that led me to the idea of having a narrator with *acknowledged fallibility*.

The meeting ended with a hopeful diary-date for the transmission of the film – December 13, 1982 – the first anniversary of martial law.

By March 1982 I had given up the idea of a blow-by-blow reconstruction job. It would be a matter of irrelevance whether a particular meeting took place in Gdansk, Radom or Katowice, or who really said what. The last thing that would matter to us would be what kind or colour of car Jaruzelski was driving.

What, then, *were* we doing? We were going to address a particular question. It was a question to which the whole conflict between Solidarity and the Polish state was continually reduced: was freedom as defined by the Free Trade Union Solidarity reconcilable with socialism as defined by the Eastern European Communist bloc?

I wrote to Fred, "My position is that the two concepts cannot coexist and are irreconcilable in an absolute sense, in the sense understood by a logician or a mathematician: a mathematician knows that certain things cannot happen, not because no one has found out how to do them but because they are internally contradictory."

The most familiar of thse teasing impossibilities is the impossibility of turning a circle into a square with the same area.

Who was the fallible narrator? On-camera and off-camera he expressed opinions and evidently had a thesis about freedom and socialism.

Another question remained: who was the fallible narrator? On-camera he expressed opinions, purported to know the facts, and evidently had a thesis about freedom and socialism. In an obvious sense he was myself. On the first page of the script I put an asterisk next to "Narrator", and at the bottom of the page explained "The author". For the next year or more I was inside the film as well as outside it, until I was vetoed by the Americans. But that is to get ahead of the story.

Fred began his pilgrimage to find a director and the money. The money was harder. As time went on, the first director went off the do something for the BBC, the second for ITV, the third to make a feaure film the fourth to make an American TV block buster.

The first director returned, but now a year had gone by, *Squaring The Circle* had American strings and the Americans didn't want him. The director they did want, director number five, preferred to do something else, and director number six and number seven seemed interested for a while but dropped out.

The eighth director, as it turned out, was worthing waiting for. This was Mike Hodges.

At various times, *Squaring The Circle* was going to be filmed on location in Hamburg, Liverpool, Helsinki, or, alternatively, when we seemed to have missed the snow in Hamburg, Liverpool and even Helsinki, on numberless reconstructions in different studios. It was going to have lots of ambiance, or it was going to be enclosed in a series of rooms: it was going to be as immaculate as a Hollywood movie or as exciting as newsreel shot from the hip; it was going to star international names or it was going to be made with totally unknown actors.

Mike brought in the designer, Voytek, who is Polish, and in a very short time they took over one of the sound stages at Pinewood where they built a structure of steel gantries squaring off a huge red circular carpet on a steel floor. To this they added background flats and a few large movable pieces, such as a Polish eagle and a huge bust of Lenin. This space served as an airport, a street, a dockyard, the Polish parliament, the meeting rooms of the Politburo and Solidarity and anywhere else we needed.

The result perfectly expressed the qualified reality which I had been worrying about creating since starting to write.

Next Mike politely declined the international stars and took on board Bernard Hill, Alec McCowen, Roy Kinnear, John Woodbine, Frank Middlemass and a whole gang of first rate British actors.

Best of all, Mike immediately identified himself with the self-sceptical tone of the "documentary" and understood why the narrator and the author had fused together.

After a year of stop and go I had frozen the text, the third draft, until we *really* had a director. Now I did another draft, adding a character who periodically interrupted and corrected the narrator. Mike suggested that this character ought to be five different characters. He also championed one of my earliest notions, that a key meeting between Walesa, Jaruzelski and Archbishop Glemp, of which almost nothing was known, should be seen in perhaps three different versions.

Right at the beginning, Fred had taken the project to Televison South, who took it over along with what was then thought to be half the bill, £300,000. In the end, *Squaring The Circle* cost £1,264,661. By that time everything was in dollars, 800,000 of which were down to Metromedia Productions.

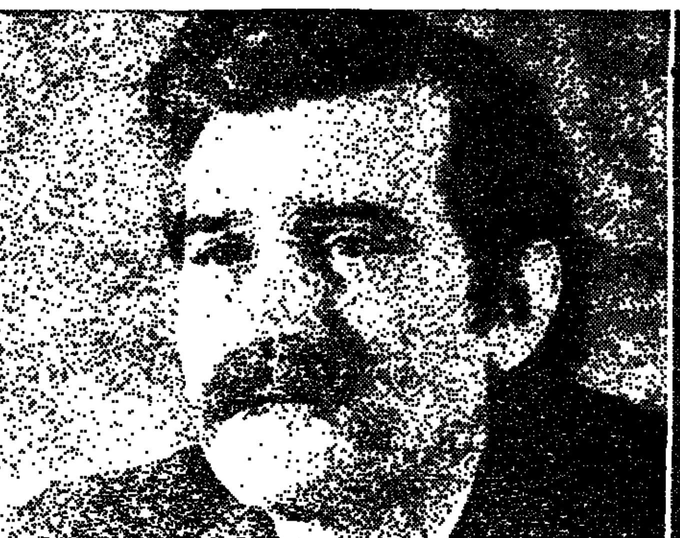
I first heard of Metromedia in February 1983. I didn't know who they were, and if I had known I would have wondered why they wanted anything to do with a hybrid "imaginary history" about recent events in Poland. Metromedia in Los Angeles, has seven metropolitan TV stations of its own, covering a quarter of the viewing public of the entire country, and has its faith and its money in game shows, talk shows and main chance series. All these have to be sold to the other 75 per cent of the viewing public through advertising sponsors. It was these sellers of razor blades and cat food who became Metromedia's scapegoats during the months to come.

At the Pinewood end of the Metromedia chain of command there was Steve who had to deal with Bruce who had to deal with Dale who had to deal with Chuck, who had to deal with Bob, and way beyond Bob, somewhere at the top of the mountain, there was the mysterious figure of Mr Kluge, remote as Buddha . . . and once, when the usual wrangle brought the usual response that there was no point in appealing to the personal taste (or at least the higher authority) of, successively, Bruce, Dale, Chuck and Bob because *they* were at the mercy of the advertisers (who were in thrall to the viewing millions), I desperately suggested an appeal to Mr Kluge. Steve realized he was dealing with a virgin. The idea that Mr Kluge, invisible in the stratosphere of high finance, would read a script . . . meet a writer . . .





American TV overlords wanted a star to play General Jaruzelski (above left). But the director won with his choice of Richard Krane (right)





Solidarity leader Lech Walesa (above left) is played by Bernard Hill (right), one of "a whole gang of first rate British actors"

Anyway, by the early summer of 1983 TVS had made a presale deal with Metromedia and it seemed that *Squaring The Circle*, which had not quite been made on several previous occasions, was going to be made after all. For this, evidently, we had to thank Steve. Steve Schlow had liked the script and had undertaken to persuade Bruce, and so on. The first time I met Steve he remarked in a friendly way that I shouldn't think of him as the ugly American. In an equally friendly way I told him that the ugly American was his alloted role and there was nothing he could do about it.

The first sign of ugliness concerned the matter of the narrator. Steve, or rather not Steve, nor Bruce, nor Dale, nor Chuck, nor Bob but in fact the dreaded advertisers, and not actually the advertisers but the dreaded public, felt that the narrator should be an American, a *famous* American, with whom the (American) public could identify. I explained that, unfortunately, the internal logic of the script now required the narrator and the author to be the same person. The narrator, after all, was purporting to express a personal opinion. Whose opinion would Jason Robards be expressing? (Likewise Jack Lemmon, Charlton Heston, Donald Sutherland and other names which came down from the lower slopes of the mountain.) I assumed that my argument would carry the day, which was an assumption at least as naive as the idea that Mr Kluge read scripts.

As it turned out, the script which Fred had sent to Metromedia did not contain my asterisk. This script had been given a glossy cover on which was depicted a bayonet spearing the word "Solidarnosc", which was bleeding down the page. I liked the cover but never bothered to check the contents and so was unaware of the missing asterisk and the missing footnote saying "The author".

Weeks later I lent my copy to a friend who did not think much of it but liked one particular scene which he described to me. The scene was not familiar. On checking, I discovered that it had been added, and there were significant changes on seven pages. Evidently I was in the hands of desperate men.

In August I happened to be in Los Angeles and made an appointment with the awesome Bruce to discuss the narrator. We had breakfast in the Polo Lounge of the Beverly Hills Hotel (where else?). Bruce turned out to be even more puzzled by me than I was by him: for the narrator was not negotiable and never had been. The Famous American was an absolute condition of the deal and Bruce said that everybody in England already knew that.

I conceded the narrator, and not withstanding the admirable Richard Crenna, who *played* him much better that I could have ever *been* him, what was supposed to have been a kind of dramatized essay turned into a kind of play about an unexplained American in Poland. Later I was asked to fix up the script to explain what this American was doing there but, since I had no idea, I did nothing.

Meanwhile (September 1983) things had progressed satisfactorily. Encouraged by Mike I had written the quirky version of the script and Steve was still with us.

Shooting began in October. Steve moved to England for the duration. He and Fred, separately or togther, were often on the set. It seemed reasonable that Steve should be curious to see what was happening to Metromedia's $800,000 but his precise status on the project remained unclear, with ultimately disastrous results. As far as Mike Hodges and I were concerned we were employed by TVS to make a film for Channel 4, and Metromedia had paid for the right to show the result in the United States. This turned out to be the greatest naivety.

One day Mike and I decided that the scene between Walesa, Jaruzelski and Archbishop Glemp seemed a bit stodgy and so overnight I re-wrote it as a card game. Steve expressed doubts. Perhaps it would be best to film the scene both ways? But the schedule was tight, and after all we were not working for Metromedia, we were working for TVS. The penny should have dropped with the sound of 800,000 silver dollars but we never heard it.

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Mike brought the film in triumphantly in five weeks, and on January 26 1984 there was a message from Dale to TVS: "The version which you have accepted for the British market is not a film which we feel can successfully compete for advertiser support or for viewers. . ."

It became rapidly clear that Metromedia had brought not merely the right to show the film but the right to alter it in any way they liked.

Mike's relationship with Steve, which had hardly existed, disintegrated completely. In due course Steve returned from California with a video tape of *Squaring The Circle* which he had cut and re-arranged, losing the overall shape of the film and dispensing with the five "witnesses" who served the crucial function of distancing the film from the conventional kind of docudrama which (falsely) purports to reconstruct history. The final scene, which was the book-end for the first scene, had been cut. There was an attempt to put something of Walesa at the very beginning although the script had carefully saved his entrance for a climactic moment well into the story. And the card game had been chopped to bits.

Steve did not invite Mike to view the tape. "What's the point?" he said. "Mike would storm out of the room within five minutes."

Steve had already blotted his copybook by running the unfinished film without Mike's permission, a serious breach of protocol. Mike had been threatening to take his name off the American version and now he did so. He wasn't pleased by my having viewed the American tape but my position was different from his: theoretically I still owed my services to Metromedia since it had been agreed that I would modify the narration to fit the "American length" (which had extra commercial breaks).

Having seen the tape, I told Steve that not only had he spoiled the film, he had made nonsense of some of it, and in my opinion had not even succeeded in ending up with something which stood a better chance with the game-show public. This cut no ice (it wasn't *Steve* who was doing this, or Bruce, or Dale, or Chuck, or Bob, it was those advertisers again). So I too took my name off the American version.

Thus the horse-trading began. On the telephone I listed my half-dozen major demands. Did I mean, Steve asked, that if these things were done I would put my name back on the film? I told him that it would mean that we would still have something to talk about. He said he would ask California. California started to relent. I thought I was doing rather well and reported my successes to Mike, who, however, took a different view which he expressed with much more kindness than he must have been feeling towards me. The way he saw it, Metromedia were messing about with our film and I was helping them. The way I saw it, Metromedia had the legal right to do their worst and I was trying to ameliorate it. The closer I got the American film back to where we wanted it, and it was never close enough, the more it proved to Mike that if only I had held firm Metromedia would have knuckled under frame for frame. Thus, the more battles I won, the more evident my error.

In England, I reported progress to Mike. He was as magnanimous as he could be. He didn't think I was malicious, merely naive.

I kept winning. Once more in Los Angeles, I made my first visit to the Metromedia building which, as is the way with important American companies, seemed to be a museum of modern art with space let out for business. The art itself had apparently been chosen to balance the image of Metromedia's product, and if screened would not have had an earthly of competing successfully for advertiser support.

Some of it was outside, and the largest piece looked as if part of Voytek's set had crashed into the roof. Here I met an ally in Richard Crenna. Richard said that the Witnesses brought the narrator into the film and without them *Squaring The Circle* would not be the film he had agreed to make. In England I reported progress to Mike. He was as magnanimous as he could be. He didn't think I was malicious, merely naive.

It is a distressing situation which alters itself and alters back again like one of those optical illusions drawn to amuse children. Sometimes my view is Mike's view, that Metromedia knew what they were getting into (give or take a card game) and one should have no further truck with the devil. But most times the overriding thought is that it's more important to save what can be saved than to let them take the hindmost.

But on what authority have I acted? Authorship. This is tricky. On one occasion during these negotiations, Steve demonstrated to me that because of the insertion of a commerical break where none existed in the British film, two of the scenes worked better when they were transposed. As the author of the pages in question I felt I had the right to agree or disagree, and I agreed. But, of course, the pages were no longer pages but bits of film, which as everyone knows, is a director's medium.

Months ago when the credit titles were being planned Mike turned down the offer of "A Mike Hodges Film" and with characteristic kindness towards me suggested instead "A Film by Mike Hodges and Tom Stoppard". That film is on Channel 4 tonight at 9.30pm.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 355)

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9 Ultimate degree (3)
10 Robot (9)
11 Leaf beet (5)
13 Prop (7)
16 Ardent (7)
19 S American massif (5)
22 Usable (2,7)
24 Circuit (3)
25 Finger weapon (13)

DOWN
1 Al fresco meal (6)
2 Breathing disorder (6)
3 Stand astride (8)
4 Praying insect (6)
5 Thin skin (4)
6 Small restaurant (6)
7 Young swan (6)
12 Colour (5)
14 Withdraw gradually (5,3)
15 Whiskey grass (3)
16 Cinema (6)
17 Save from danger (6)
18 Hot dish stand (6)
20 Strike out (6)
21 Excellent (6)
23 Turkish spirit (4)

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BOOKS

Honouring the horizontal man

James Fenton on pulling the leg of Hippolytus

A LEG TO STAND ON
By Oliver Sacks
Duckworth, £8.95

One New Year's Eve, during the staff celebrations in a teaching hospital, a student doctor on neurology wards was called up by one of the nurses. A patient who had been admitted that morning was suddenly behaving strangely. He had fallen out of bed and was refusing to get back in. The student, who was the young Oliver Sacks, went to investigate and found the patient in a state of alarm. He had discovered, he said, a severed human leg in the bed and had tried to throw it out. But when he did so he found that he somehow fell out after it, and that it was now attached to him.

The patient had believed that one of the nurses had stolen a leg from the dissecting room, and that the whole thing was a monstrous practical joke. The student explained that the leg in question was the patient's own. The patient refused to believe this. He thought the student was in cahoots with the nurses. In other cultures or periods this inability to recognize one's own limb as one's own would have been ascribed to witchcraft, or madness, or, more specifically perhaps, hysteria. As it was, a physical explanation was discovered.

The patient received emergency neurosurgery, and was found to have a large bleeding tumour over the right parietal lobe. The "leg area" of his brain was malfunctioning. He had lost the neural sense of his leg, and in consequence, when he felt with his hand, found a leg, or looked and saw a leg which he did not feel in itself, his brain was forced to provide an explanation for a terrifying illogical event.

This is a recognized syndrome, and a bizarre one. A patient, pointing to his arm, will tell the nurse clearing away the breakfast, "Oh, and that arm there – take it away with the tray!" Or in many more cases, as doctor Sacks has found, the patient will keep the extraordinary feeling to himself and live with a private grief at having lost a limb. Neurology stands at the meeting point between physical and mental sciences, and the book under review represents part of a call for an "existential neurology" – a science of how we feel about our physical selves.

The occasion for this plea, and the book's main subject, is a crisis in the author's own life. He is on holiday in Norway, in the pink of health, climbing a mountain. He enters a field marked with a notice to beware of the bull, but is unable to believe that there would be a bull at such a height. Then he comes upon the animal, panics and flees, falls, and tears the entire quadriceps from the patella. With great difficulty he improvises a splint and propels himself down the mountain towards help, narrowly escaping an arctic night in the open. From a surgical point of view, the ensuing operation in England is straightforward enough, but from the mental point of view the crisis is profound.

Doctor Sacks, the helpless and horizontal neurologist, experiences exactly the same sense of loss of ownership of his limb (once known as "anosagnosia") and is unable to enlist the sympathy of the vertical surgeon. He believes at first that he must have suffered a stroke under anaesthetic, but is able eventually to rule out this possibility. After that he is left with the mere terror that his leg does not belong to him, that it is lost for ever, that he has no influence over it. These are things he – perhaps surprisingly – cannot convey to the surgeon. But he describes them here in intense detail, charting and meditating upon every physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional stage in his recovery. The form of the book he calls a neurological novel.

It seems to me that the underlying fear revealed here is that, unless the neurological basis of the account is always emphasized, the book will begin to look like a psycho-analytic case history. Just as the man who tried to throw his own leg out of bed was shown to be a case for neurosurgery rather than psychiatry, so Doctor Sacks wishes to present his own story as one of the mental consequences of purely physical injury. He comes on at times as a kind of Everyman, who happens also to be a doctor and a writer and therefore uniquely well placed to show us what we are all liable to feel – just so long as we don't think in terms of neurosis.

But there is some neurosis in evidence. To return to the incident on the mountain, what we are shown is a catastrophe in the life of a body-builder. Doctor Sacks forges ahead up the mountain "blessing my energy and my stamina, and especially my strong legs, trained by years of hard exercise and hard lifting in the gym. Strong quads, strong body, good wind, good stamina – I was grateful to Nature for endowing me so well." Is this merely bad writing, or is this typical of Doctor Sack's internal conversations when indulging in what he calls a feat of strength? He seems to present himself as a kind of Hippolytus glorying in his chaste manliness and suffering the same fate when the bull rises up before him. The bull in that moment *"changed*, before my eyes, becoming transformed from magnificent to utterly monstrous. The huge white face seemed to swell and swell and the great bulbous eyes became radiant with malignance. The face grew huger and huger all the time, until I thought it would blot out the universe. The bull became hideous, hideous beyond belief, hideous in strength, malevolence and cunning. It seemed now to be stamped with the infernal in every feature. It became first a monster and now the Devil." This is not a passage from autobiography or even a neurological novel. Doctor Sacks is giving his version of the story told by Euripides and Racine: the punishment of the man who offends Aphrodite. It is a Messenger speech.

Manliness, erectness, activity, and muscle tone are most important in Doctors Sacks' presentation of himself. The panic at seeing the bull is one form of loss of manliness. The consequent injury to the leg is another – cutting him off from the cherished world of sporting activity. It seems obvious that the neurological disturbance that follows the surgery has its own powerful sexual symbolism, although this is not stated.

But this is Hippolytus with a happy ending. Those aspects of his culture and achievements which Doctor Sacks values most come to his aid in the return to full manhood. Music plays its role: his wide reading of literature and philosophy furnishes insight into his maimed condition: his medical knowledge naturally helps: and finally there is his religion.

Allowed out for a night as a convalescent, Doctor Sacks goes home on the sabbath eve to be met by the whole family. "The next morning, I went to the synagogue with my father and my brothers and we were called up together for the reading of the law. And this was an inexpressible experience: for behind my family I felt embraced by a community and, behind this, by the beauty of old traditions, and behind this, by the ultimate eternal joy of the law." He has recovered in my reading, a sense of his own goodness – goodness here being defined as obedience, for goodness of the well-loved pre-pubertal son.

Recovering a sense of his own goodness: the neurologist who thought he had lost his leg

Brilliant tigress

Woodrow Wyatt

MARGOT
A Life of the Countess of Oxford and Asquith
By Daphne Bennett
Gollancz, £12.95

What a pity Margot Asquith never went to Oxford. Somerville was opened when she was 15. It would have been much better for her than haphazard, flirtatious, tuition from Jowett of Balliol in her mid-twenties.

Her mind was brilliant, restless and energetic. It needed some formal education, which she never had, to turn it into an engine which she could control and use to its full capacity. A wonderful and brave horsewoman, accustomed to being thrown from half broken horses, her valiant attempts at self-education suggest that she must have realized that. But despite her unconventionality she accepted that women had a lesser role. She hated the suffragettes and hoped women would never have the vote in her lifetime ("reason has never governed women in times of political excitement").

The nearest she could come to being Prime Minister was to marry one. Incapable of, or untrained to, abstract thought, like many women, she was not much interested in the merits of policies, but operated through her feelings about people. She knew in a flash that the corrupt, intriguing, Lloyd George would plot to get rid of her husband, while he credulously went on trusting him until it was too late, and reproved her for forebodings which she was not always discreet about.

Asquith did not deserve her. She was fiercely and protectively loyal to him. She kept him with the money she got from her father; and when that ran low, with what she earned from writing sensational books. When he died he left legacies in excess of his assets, and she wrote more to honour them.

Yet in the crucial years Asquith excluded her from his confidence, preferring to give it to young girls like Venetia Stanley. With astonishing generosity she forgave him his extra-marital feminine associations, concluding, "no woman should expect to be the only woman in her husbands life . . . I not only encouraged his female friends but posted his letters to them if I found them in our front hall."

Daphne Bennett has written a striking biography. It throbs with the feverish personality of Margot Asquith who stalks through its pages like a tigress. No doubt she was not easy to live with but she was worth two of Asquith.

From the photographs I cannot see that Margot Asquith was ever anything other than plain, whatever the flattery to the contrary. She captivated men with her vitality and insight into how they thought; and how they liked to be tickled; mentally, of course.

The use of her femininity to get her way with men stopped short of sex. Gladstone obviously enjoyed her sitting on his lap when she was 25 and he was 80, but one cannot suppose that this led to anything more.

Margot Asquith was unrestrainedly honest. She could not help telling her friends and her family of their defects. As she did this with a sharp tongue and pen there were many breaches, which frequently amazed this innocently open-hearted lady, but she was intensely loyal to all, or nearly all, in her orbit. When the war came she refused to dismiss the German governess who had been with her for years. She was hissed in the streets as a German-lover but she proudly took no notice. She was the epitome of all that was best in Liberalism.

Like some great tragic Greek heroine her life was smitten by tragedies and illumined by triumphs. She adored her sister, Laura, who died when she was 24, her stepson Raymond Asquith, who was killed fighting in 1916 when he was 31; and her daughter Elizabeth Bibesco, married to a Rumanian diplomat, who died in 1945, just as Margot was joyfully expecting her return.

Perhaps her greatest triumph was when the days of glory at No 10 were over, her husband had died, and she proved that she was a remarkable person in her own right. Daphne Bennett has written an absorbing, passionate, story beautifully.

Women's Worm of the World

SCIENCE FICTION

Tom Hutchinson

THE BOOK OF THE RIVER
By Ian Watson
Gollancz, £7.95

The fascination of water is that it is a source of memory as well as power. Here it assumes god-like proportions – a black river which is at once The Worm Of The World and an entity accepting women, but inimical to men. The Riverwoman Yaleen has to cross it to seek revenge on those on the West Bank, cruel puritans who tortured her twin brother to death.

One of the most satisfyingly accessible of all Mr Watson's novels the narrative-undercurrents carry arguments about religion and order and the way a society is structured around myth. Mr Watson seems in greater accord with his subject than for a long time; the strain is in the character-tensions not in the writing. One looks forward to the inevitable sequel.

● **The Neverending Story, by Michael Ende, translated by Ralph Manheim** *(Allen Lane, £9.95)*. Described as "a literary sensation in the United States and Europe" this German wish-fulfiller about a small boy who discovers an alternate world of Fantastica is a pleasant enough fairy-tale read, enlivened by its typography – red for the real world, green for the other. Its hardly-sensational theme is the power of the human imagination. Just imagine.

● **The Tithonian Factor, by Richard Cowper** *(Gollancz, £7.95)*. Mr Cowper's range further expands in this collection of short stories which tell of the sexual price paid for immortality – the title-tale – and then mounts to the emotion-ripping eloquence of "Brothers" and an untimely growing-up. No ruts for this author; he makes his own.

● **Valentine Pontifex, by Robert Silverberg** *(Gollancz, £9.95)*. Robert Silverberg's fastidious talent has seemed ill-suited to this brawl of a saga, but in this last of the Majipoor chronicles he comes into his own with Lord Valentine's resignation of his position; as a study of self-appointed withdrawal it is at once dramatic and moving.

● **The Soul Master, by Graham Dunstan Martin** *(Allen and Unwin, £9.95)*. This is a really notable SF-fantasy in that it has some strikingly new ideas for what has often seemed a worked-out genre – from a king who lives through the lives of others, to the way emotions can become tangible as the rocks.

● **Alien Citadel, by Douglas Hill** *(Heinemann, £6.95)*. So, it's fin to Finn in this last of a trilogy recounting the adventures of the hero and comrades in their fight against extra-terrestial nasties, The Slavers.

Gathering moss and period butterflies

Alan Franks

THE STONES
By Philip Norman
Elm Tree, £8.95

On most of the biographical criteria – certainly the musical and social ones – the Rolling Stones are not such promising material as the subjects of Philip Norman's earlier book, *Shout!*. For where the Beatles could scale heights of popular composition worthy of Rodgers and Hart, the Stones have pegged themselves to the 12-bar format and its first cousins with dogged inertia. And where the Beatles held all the fascination of a regional phenomenon, the Stones were merely re-asserting the primacy of the capital.

And yet the Stones have rolled on, massing more money than moss, and providing Norman with a corporate life twice as long as that of the Fab Four. Where he succeeds is in his realization that the most compelling forms of biography are, at least secondarily, social histories – the general refracted through the prism of the particular – and that the subject and its epoch must be embarked on the act of mutual illumination. Here, of course, is the ultimate Sixties lion, *Jagger Rampant*, strutting rudely in the world's stadia, sticking out his tongue (and his bum) and flaunting the famous mouth like an escutcheon of arrogant dissent: *Jagger Couchant* with, among others, Marianne and Bianca, and finally *Jagger Joggant*, the undecadent superstar of the Eighties, fit and forty.

But here too is the howling outrage of the Establishment (the very word seemed made for The Stones to tilt at) against the Dartford lout who pissed in garage forecourts, and was beamed up from Hell to ravage Colonel's daughters; and here is that early shaft of liberalism over the cannabis trial – the famous "Who Breaks a Butterfly on a Wheel" leader, from the newspaper you are now reading.

On the nature of that "danger" strummed up by The Stones, Norman is at his most sharply analytical. The angelic profanity was dead right for the time, and for a generation whose own freshness was in part born of cynicism.

From the dizzy footage that is the Sixties, Norman abstracts and freezes frames, nowhere better than in his account of Brian Jones's last moments. For this is an elegiac book, a record of evanescence as much as of durability, and reminds us of an epoch that threw up lions with no more energy than it threw out losers. The head butterfly is unbroken and the wheel turns still; but pinioned here between Norman's pages are the now friable wings of the lesser flitters in that long summer's fritillary.

The classic amateur cracksman

CRIME

Basil Boothroyd

THE COMPLETE SHORT STORIES OF RAFFLES
By E. W. Hornung
Edited by Peter Haining
Souvenir Press, £8.95

New readers may need a note. A. J. Raffles, asked everywhere for his charm and cricket by the upper crust, robs them blind and leaves by their upper windows, aided and often put at risk by Bunny, his sopping-wet accomplice and chronicler, whose heart is permanently in his mouth, and his foot as likely as not with it.

Hornung's achievement, largely by good writing, was to make the improbable couple live and breathe (in Bunny's case pant). Thus their incredible exploits became credible, after an undoubted spasm of early outrage, even to a society drawing a stern line between the virtues of the gentry and the wickedness of the felonious unwashed.

Like Raffles himself he had style, lending quality even to passages of no action. When action comes, Raffles ever on thin ice and venturing the next all but fatal step, the suspense tightens with a remorseless screw as we are put in Bunny's trembling (evening) shoes. Old readers, hooked anew on forgotten plots and knowing that wrong will triumph, hardly dare believe it until the disgraceful master stroke is struck.

Enduring classics (in the lighter sense), gather extras with the years, a dividend on the author's original capital. The grind of cab wheel against the Baker Street kerb, meaning no more in Conan Doyle's time than today's squeal of tyres now figures forth a whole horse-drawn London. When Raffles, in the nets at Lord's, tops his stumps with sovereigns to buy top bowling from the professionals, we see the porridge-coloured flannels and fenestrated pads, in an age when sovereigns and snobbery were received currency.

Though Holmes and Watson were goodies and Raffles and Bunny anything but, parallels abound. Doyle and Hornung were friends: something more, since Hornung married Doyle's sister. Was his inspiration a family leg-pull? Who knows how ideas are born?

Both Holmes and Raffles are killed off and have to be resurrected, a miracle in which their creators show equal dexterity. Both Watson and Bunny try their hands alone and hash things up. Both Holmes and Raffles tend to philosophize beyond the call of plot.

But the parallels run closest in the unflagging ingenuity, imagination and cunning, the twists, the surprises, the whole beautiful box of tricks.

New readers and old, now read on.

Silken webs, and that old wooden horse

FICTION

Isabel Raphael

A PERFECT WOMAN
by Carolyn Slaughter
Allen lane, £7.95

B LISS
By Jill Tweedie
Heinemann, £8.95

A MEASURE OF TIME
By Rosa Guy
Virago, £9.95

THE WEB
By Henri Troyat
Aidan Ellis, £8.95



Up the old pro
Tweedie as campaigner

Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue; something for everybody, one would have thought, in this week's new novels.

The most accomplished is by Carolyn Slaughter, who develops the theme that she used with such macabre effect in *The Banquet*: the obsessive desire for perfection in rôles one has chosen for oneself and for others in life. The danger lies in the unpredictability of these others, who may find the exquisite strands of gossamer constricting, and grow big enough to escape from the web, leaving the spider nothing to feed on. Not that Beth appears spider-like at first; she is more like a fly trapped in the amber of a *Harpers & Queen* existence, beautifully and benevolently offering herself as all things to all people. Why should Humphrey, so conscious of this privilege, so aware of his advantages, involve himself so deliberately with another woman? Perhaps Abi, their eldest daughter, knows. She has seen behind the facade of Beth's inflexibly high standards, and guesses at the beast in the jungle, beyond the fence of the paradise she has created.

This stifling control is brilliantly evoked by the intensity of Ms Slaughter's style. She conveys agonizingly well Beth's conviction that her way will win, and pitilessly lays bare the illusions that hold every relationship together. The relentless accumulation of detail, lingered over so lovingly, expresses to perfection the tender trap the spider builds for its mate. Will Humphrey walk into Sylvie's parlour, too? I hope not. My instinct, like his, was to escape at all costs at the end of this riveting but distasteful book.

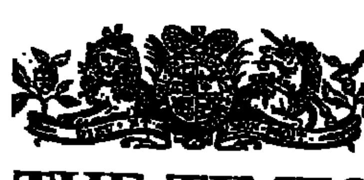
As glamorous blonde Lady Clare La Fontaine plighted her troth to dark saturnine Don Raul de Toro y Plata, I wondered what Jill Tweedie was doing in Mills & Boon territory. In fact, she turned out to be seeking Mitford-Waugh country, where aristocrats of the Old Religion could still bring up their daughters on such notions as the Utter Bloodiness of Abroad, and not much else. So Clare, slightly soiled and essentially amoral, sets off into the South American sunset with a chauvinist husband who, for all his international dealings, does not seem to have heard about the Pill. As illusions about the bliss of marriage, wealth and power fade for them both, El Jefe (The Chief) and La Dorada (The Golden Lady) try their hand at playing *Evita*, but by this time the devilish Raul is hot to avenge his honour, and Clare has experienced a spiritual rebirth among the Indian women whose exploitation she is determined to end. Lack of communication in English, Spanish, or bed, spells ruin for all, and Clare's return to England, rendered scandalous by a dastardly trick, ends in tragedy. But plucky feminist journalist Judith Gill is on the scent . . .

There *is* a great deal more to this book; questions like the macho victimization of women are important; we need to have them brought before us. But did Ms Tweedie really hope to storm that citadel in this creaky old wooden horse? There is simply too much here that is overblown and unconvincing. I longed to cut away sub-plots and extraneous incidents and expose the novel hidden underneath. Lurking in the verbiage I spotted humour, keen observation, and sympathy. If journalist and novelist have to do battle for Ms Tweedie, I hope the old pro wins.

The sheer verve of Rosa Guy's writing carried me through *A Measure of Time* in much the same way as her heroine, Dorine Davis, survives in Black Harlem for 30 years: unblinkingly. Dorine never looks back except to shore up her determination to go forward. She is a human steamroller, illiterate, pig-headed, but full of guts; unscrupulous, but constantly a prey to her emotions. She call spades (and plenty of other things) by their proper names, but daren't take the risk of looking too closely at herself or the relationships she makes.

I responded to the book's vigour and warmth, but found the unrelieved use of Harlem dialect ultimately wearisome. And without a glossary of some kind I fear that only a handful of non-Americans will battle through to the end.

Published this week for the first time in English is Henri Troyat's short novel *The Web*. To my mind it puts all the rest in the shade. Set in Paris in the 1930s it deals with social problems that no longer affect society. It seems as far away as the world of de Maupassant, whose subtle perception of human relations Troyat shares. Small in conception and execution, this is a work of real quality.

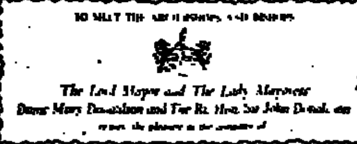


THE TIMES DIARY

Meeting of two minds?

President Reagan may meet South African Prime Minister P. W. Botha for a private meeting in Ireland on Sunday morning, according to Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, president of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. Such contact was highly likely, said the archbishop, because Reagan had already shown he favoured constructive engagement with South Africa. Although both the South African and American embassies refused to confirm or deny any such meeting, they said both leaders were free for private engagements in Ireland on Sunday morning. Meanwhile speculation mounted yesterday over the possibility of a private audience between Botha and the Pope at the Vatican. The most likely date, I am told, is June 9. Huddleston, who met Mrs Thatcher last night in a last-ditch effort to dissuade her from Saturday's lunch with Botha, said such contact would be "extremely dangerous and unfortunate". The archbishop, who spent 12 years as a parish priest in the Soweto township of Sophiatown, told me, "Botha should not be talking to the Pope, but to black leaders in prison".

That's no lady



Dame Mary Donaldson, Lord Mayor of London, who is hosting the annual dinner for archbishops and bishops next Tuesday, has asked her 350 guests to get it right: white tie and decorations. Pity her invitations didn't. The offending clerk, who personally filled in each guest's name on the above invitation, tells me he simply forgot to alter the standard format. I am told the enraged Dame Mary is wondering how hubby Sir John will be billed on the next card – Mistress of the Rolls?

Veter veto

First the Olympics, now *The Observer* Single-Handed Transatlantic Yacht Race. I hear that the Russians, who intended to enter their crack yachtsman Konstantin Veter in the race, which starts today, have pulled out of this event too. Far from being another retaliatory boycott, I suspect the Soviet withdrawal is probably more a cautionary measure resulting from the defection of the Czech yachtsman Richard Konkolski, who dropped anchor in Newport, Rhode Island, after the BOC (British Oxygen Company) Round the World Race and was granted political asylum by the Americans two years ago.

BARRY FANTONI



"Don't believe it, comrade, it's probably just a Kremlin in the works."

A sharp miner

For controlling the likes of Arthur Scargill on the picket line, Len Murray's would-be successor Norman Willis is the man. When Willis, deputy general secretary of the TUC, turned up on the first day of the Grunwick dispute, he found alarming unrest between police and the mass picketers. After fruitless appeals for calm, Willis seized the megaphone and gave an impromptu rendering of "I'm the man, the very fat man, who waters the workers' beer . . ." Eight verses later, the pacified crowd gave a rousing ovation.

The dirt flies

"Respectable" hotels were threatening injunctions yesterday to remove their names from *The Dirty Weekend Book*, published by Quartet on June 11. When I rang to break the news to the upright Mrs Rumbold of the Wheeler's Sheridan Hotel in Brighton (where my mother stays) she was aghast. "Get me Quartet's number. Dirty weekend? This really is the sort of thing people should keep to themselves. We were once listed in *The Sex Maniac's Diary*, but it was removed when I threatened to sue."

At the Balcary Bay Hotel in Galloway – the only placed billed for a dirty weekend in Scotland – owner Ron Lamb told me he would contact his solicitors immediately. "We do not run that sort of hotel. We are very much a family hotel." The Ritz in London said: "Dirty Weekend Book? *Which* dirty weekend book?"

PHS

Give us design with feeling

by the Prince of Wales

For far too long, it seems to me, some planners and architects have consistently ignored the feelings and wishes of the mass of ordinary people in this country. Perhaps it is hardly surprising, as architects tend to have been trained to design buildings from scratch – to tear down and rebuild. Except in interior design courses students are not taught to rehabilitate, nor do they ever meet the ultimate users of buildings in their training – indeed, they can often go through their whole career without doing so.

To be concerned about the way people live, about the environment they inhabit and the kind of community that is created by that environment, should surely be one of the prime requirements of a really good architect. It has been most encouraging to see the development of community architecture as a natural reaction to the policy of decamping people to new towns and overspill estates, where the extended family patterns of support were destroyed and the community life was lost.

Now, moreover, we are seeing the gradual expansion of housing cooperatives, particularly in the inner city areas of Liverpool, where the tenants are able to work with an architect of their own who listens to their comments and their ideas, and tries to design the kind of environment they want, rather than the kind which tends to be imposed upon them without any degree of choice.

This sort of development offers something very promising in terms of inner city renewal and urban housing, not to mention community garden design. Enabling the client community to be involved in the detailed process of design rather than exclusively the local authority, is I am sure the kind of development we should be examining more closely. What I believe is important about community architecture is that it has shown "ordinary" people that their views are worth having that architects and planners do not necessarily have the monopoly of knowing best about taste, style and planning, that they need not be made to feel guilty or ignorant if their natural preference is for the more "traditional" designs

On that note I can't help thinking how much more worthwhile it would be if a community approach could have been used in the Mansion House Square project. It would be a tragedy if the character and skyline of our capital city were to be further ruined and St Paul's dwarfed by yet another giant glass stump, better suited to downtown Chicago than the City of London.

It is hard to imagine that London before the last war must have had one of the most beautiful skylines of any great city, if those who recall it are to be believed. Those who do say that the affinity between buildings and the earth, in spite of the city's immense size, was so close and organic that the houses looked almost as though they had grown out of the earth, and had not been imposed upon it – grown, moreover, in such a way that as few trees as possible were thrust out of the way.

What are we doing to our capital city now? What have we done to it since the bombing during the war? What are we shortly going to do to one of its most famous areas – Trafalgar Square? Instead of designing an extension to the elegant facade of the National Gallery which complements it, and continues the concept of columns and domes, it looks as if we may be presented with a kind of vast municipal fire station, complete with the sort of tower that contains the siren.

I would understand better this type of high-tech approach if you demolished the whole of Trafalgar Square and started again with a single architect responsible for the entire layout, but what is proposed is like a monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend. Apart from anything else, it defeats me why anyone wishing to display the early Renaissance pictures belonging to the gallery should do so in a new gallery so manifestly at odds with the whole spirit of that age of astonishing proportion.

Why can't we have those curves and arches that express feeling in design? What is wrong with them? Why has everything got to be vertical, straight, unbending, only at right angles – and functional? As if the National Gallery extension wasn't enough, they are now apparently planning to redevelop the large, oval-bellied nineteenth century building, known as the Grand Hotel, which stands on the south-west corner of Trafalgar Square, and which was saved from demolition in 1974 after a campaign to rescue it. As with the National Gallery, I believe, the plan is to put this redevelopment out to competition, in which case we can only criticize the judges and not the architects, for I suspect there will be some entries representative of the present-day school of Romantic Pragmatism.

Goethe once said, "There is nothing more dreadful than imagination without taste". In the 150th anniversary year of the Royal Institute of British Architects, may I express the earnest hope that the next 150 years will see a new harmony between imagination and taste and in the relationship between the architects and the people of this country.

This article is extracted from a speech by the Prince of Wales at the RIBA last night.

Paul Routledge on the next steps in the pit dispute

Straws of hope at the coalfield peace parley

The arrest of Mr Arthur Scargill on the picket line at Orgreave coke-works and the occupation of the National Coal Board headquarters in London by striking Kent miners have thrown a shadow over the fragile peace process that was under way in the coal industry.

After 12 weeks of strike – equivalent to the 1972 and 1974 stoppages combined – it looked as though the two sides were edging towards realistic negotiations on the NCB's proposals for a reduction of 4 million tonnes of capacity, roughly equivalent to a loss of 20,000 jobs.

By dropping their insistence on withdrawal of the closure programme before any talks could take place, leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers had effectively cleared the way for discussions that might, however painstakingly, have yielded a settlement. But the momentum towards peace has been slowed by yesterday's events.

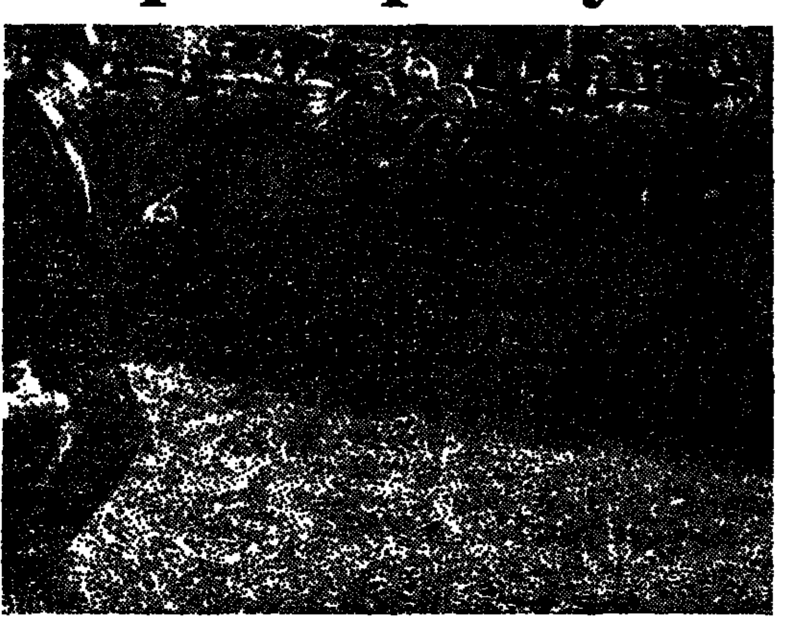
The board is still anxious to push ahead using the 1974 blueprint for the industry, *Plan for Coal*, as a bridge between the seemingly intransigent positions of the two sides.

Plan for Coal was an ambitious tripartite agreement drawn up by a Labour government, the industry's management and the three mining unions. It envisaged rapid expansion of coal production based on the hopelessly optimistic assumption that demand would not fall below 130 million tonnes a year up to 1985, and could grow to 150 million tonnes. To replace exhausted pits some 42 million tonnes of new capacity was ordered, and most of it is now on stream.

Unhappily for the architects of this grandiose scheme, demand has collapsed. Primary energy requirements are running at 100 million tonnes of coal equivalent a year less than forecast, and the board can satisfy its customers with a deep-mined capacity of 97 million tonnes.

So whatever the good intentions of the policy makers 10 years ago, today the figures simply do not match.

The NCB is not giving away any of its bargaining strategy in the extremely delicate talks that were due to start yesterday, but which will now inevitably face delays caused by the sudden heightening of tension in the dispute. The other question being asked in Hobart House is: does the latest deterioration in the industrial relations climate indicate that the miners do not want a settlement at this stage, that they prefer war-war to jaw-jaw?



Scargill at the picket line: a throwback to "class war" days?

It is a question taxing the minds of the most eminent Scargillologists in the board's management, and they don't come much more expert. His conduct in leading the pickets at Orgreave yesterday morning is a throwback to his "class war" days of 1972 at the Battle of Saltley Gate, it is argued, rather than the deliberate activity of a union leader working on the fine-tuning of possible options for a settlement.

His actions are contrasted with those of the union's general secretary, Mr Peter Heathfield, a fellow left-winger, who appeared to be making conciliatory noises in a radio interview being broadcast just as his president was being hauled off to Main Street police station, Rotherham, to be charged with obstruction. The comparison invites the question: does the NUM leadership have a common policy to take into the peace talks, and if so, what is it and what are its chances of success?

The NUM letter accepting the Coal Board's invitation to talk insisted that there could be no settlement unless the closure programme was withdrawn. This need not be an insuperable stumbling block. Management and union can examine possible options for a deal, and if one or a combination of several of those options amounts to a basis of settlement, the original closure package can be dropped without great loss of face.

As an honours graduate of the hard school of pit-level bargaining, Mr Scargill knows that. He made his name as a negotiator. But he is also a fundamentalist, and on this occasion the fundamentalist has evidently got the better of the wheeler-dealer. He is adhering to NUM conference policy of no pit closures, full stop.

There is an old Russian proverb that you should look a problem straight in the eye and then walk round it. The board may take a similarly pragmatic view. Behind Mr Scargill stands his 24-man executive, on which he presently enjoys a substantial majority, and behind them are the miners themselves; those on strike since March 12 are now suffering genuine and acute privation, and they must be wondering when it will all end.

It the board wants to destabilize this coalition of support on the executive, it will have to demonstrate some flexibility in the forthcoming talks. The most favoured option is a longer time-scale for the closure of about 20 pits, to which could be linked pledges of job security for men who remain in the industry and specific targets for the recruitment of young men in later years.

It is uncertainty about the future and a fear of unemployment, turned back against the NCB and the Government, that has fuelled rank and file support for this strike, and any proposals to end it will have to be addressed to that central consideration. Simply to point out that the NCB and successive Secretaries of State for Energy have done their bit under *Plan for Coal* will not be enough to swing a majority on the union executive towards ordering a return to work.

There are signs – straws in the wind, no more – that the board is ready to make concessions on a scale that would satisfy the centre-right group that traditionally held sway in the NUM leadership.

The dispute is not a private affair, of course, and many political eyes are trying to follow the unpredictable twists and turns of events. Some ministers and more than some Tory backbenchers would prefer to see a signal victory for Mrs Thatcher and a clear, public defeat for Mr Scargill rather than a negotiated settlement that would allow the NUM to emerge bruised but intact and ready to fight another day

But the Coal Board negotiators who are handling the peace negotiations are men of the industry, rather than politicians manqué, and they are also conscious that Nature is making her own contribution to the debate. An increasing number of the pits are literally cracking up, and the rate of physical collapse of roadways, coalfaces, and untold millions of pounds worth of sophisticated machinery can only accelerate as the strike is prolonged.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Out with these sinister acorns

A couple of months ago I drew detailed attention to a sinister and repulsive campaign of attacks upon, and discrimination against, British Freemasons. The campaign is in many ways identical to the older and more familiar poison of anti-Semitism: tittle-tattle is dressed up as fact, generalized accusations are made against a whole category of people, harmless customs and verbal formulas are depicted as abominable or even criminal rituals and practices, lurid tales are spread of the all-powerful influence exerted in almost all walks of life by the conspiracy's clandestine network of agents in high places, and the mere naming of a man as a Mason is proof of villainy on his part.

For two reasons, the campaign cannot be dismissed as the ravings of a few cranks. First, it is in its very nature foul and dangerous, as is any collective defamation. Second, and more practically, direct discrimination against Freemasons has already begun. I recounted earlier the actions of Lewisham and Islington borough councils; today, it is the turn of Brent.

Brent, which was marked down by Mr Ken Livingstone for his prospective parliamentary pocket-borough, has long been in the forefront of extremist local government politics. Not long ago, the balance of power on the council shifted, not enough to give the Conservatives an absolute majority, but enough to make them the largest party, with 32 seats to Labour's 31 and the Liberals' three. In March, the previously subterranean campaign against Masons broke surface; the appropriate committee was asked to recommend to the full council a resolution which would carry much further than the law requires the investigation and disclosure of the private circumstances of Brent councillors.

This was a doubly neat trick. The Liberals had campaigned during the elections for a register of councillors' *financial* interests, so they could be expected to vote for the compilation of such a register. But the resolution went very much further, including on the proposed register all sorts of personal details that had nothing to do with financial interests, including membership of societies. And the game was given away in clause 1 (b): "for the avoidance of doubt, membership of the Freemasons constitutes membership of a society."

When the resolution came before the full council, it was passed: the Liberals' campaign for a register of financial interests had tied them to Labour's grubby coat-tails, and from now on no elected councillors in Brent may be appointed to, or continue to sit on, any committee of the council, joint committee with other boroughs, sub-committee, working party, or statutory local or national body, nor may they hold any position or post, appointment to which is the responsibility of Brent council, unless they have completed, in the greatest detail, an 11-page questionnaire which may well constitute a record for impertinent and irrelevant intrusion into private lives.

Members must state by whom they are employed, or if self-employed or in a partnership, their place of business and the name or names they trade under, and they must list all directorships they hold and all shares they own in any company or companies: *they must also give all the same information, in the same detail, for their wives or husbands.* They must then say whether they live in rented or owned property, giving all details of tenancies, leaseholds and freeholds, whether they have had council loans or grants, whether they are trustees or beneficiaries of any trust; again, they must give all the same details for their spouses.

They must say whether they belong to any sports club ("with address of any clubhouse"), any allotment society ("specify name of society and site of allotment"), any chamber of commerce, trade union, trade association, professional body, Rotary club, Townswomen's Guild, Lions club, Inner Wheel club, tenants' or residents' association, special interests society, youth organization, political party or political organization of any kind, cultural association, charitable body, any other social club or society, school governing body or parent-teacher association; *they are also obliged to say what schools their children go to.*

As with the original resolution, the purpose of the inquisition is concealed somewhere about the middle of the document, where council members are compelled to say specifically whether they are Freemasons.

When I published my fist column on this subject, some of the letters I got made me revise rather sharply my assumptions about the intelligence of my readers. Again and again, I was told (as if the writer had just made an original discovery) that there is a difference between persecuting Jews and persecuting Masons because a Jew cannot help being a Jew but a Mason does not have to be a Mason. May I now try to get the point into the heads of these dolts? A Mason (or a Jew, or a Roman Catholic, or a one-legged boot-fetishist with severe dandruff) is entitled to pursue his interests as a member of such a group in a free society without penalty and without being obliged to leave the group *unless and until he does wrong.* When he does wrong, he should be – depending on the seriousness of his malfeasance – admonished, demoted, sacked or prosecuted, but he should suffer these punishments *because of his wrong-doing, not because of his membership of the group.* There; is that clear enough?

Because if it isn't, those who still can't see the point might like to reflect on the implications of another resolution put forward at Brent, one that was *not* passed – this time: it came from Councillor Coleman, and it declared that "secret membership of a Freemasons' lodge is against the public interest that councillors and council officers are supposed to serve".

"*Secret* membership . . ." Thus do the kissing-cousins of anti-Semitism justify the new bigotry and discrimination. But I know a good many people who, though Jewish, go under an assumed non-Jewish name and do not admit their origins. Are they, too, unfit to serve on, or under, Brent Council? And if I pass their names to the gossip columnist of *The Guardian*, will he, as he did with Masons, print a daily Jew-list, exposing them as doubly sinister, first because they are Jews and second because they conceal the fact?

This thing shall cease. Anti-Semitism in Britain became socially and politically unacceptable when the world learnt just what it could still lead to. But the bacillus was not altogether eradicated, and it has now found another potential group victim. And a group, so far from being safer than an individual, is far more vulnerable, because it has no individual human identity, and can thus more easily be portrayed as truly diabolical.

Great oaks from little acorns grow, and when they are grown they are very difficult indeed to cut down. The acorns have been planted by the new demon-hunters, classifying Masons as *collectively* guilty without charge, as once the Jews were *collectively* held responsible for all the lurid fantasies in their persecutors' heads. Fortunately, the acorns have only just started to sprout. Come; let us dig.

Ronald Butt

Is integration now racialist too?

There must be few people who do not instinctively feel that Mr David Waddington, the Minister of State at the Home Office, made the right decision when he used the discretion he possesses under the law to allow the illegal immigrant couple from India, Mr and Mrs Rodney Pereira, to stay in Britain.

Mr Pereira had come to live in Britain because he was based here as a merchant seaman, but he lost his right to stay when that employment ceased. After that, the Pereiras remained on annual visas and it was only when they sought to put their position on a permanent basis that the tribunal established without any question that they had no legal right to be here.

It was not the publicity campaign for the Pereiras (there had been others which had not succeeded) which caused the Minister of State to let them stay after all. What impressed him was the approach Mr and Mrs Pereira had to living in Britain and the attitude towards them of their English neighbours in the Hampshire village where they had made their home. The Pereiras had integrated themselves into the community; they played an active part in village life; they were popular with their neighbours who campaigned for them. In short, they showed a positive commitment to Britain and to the English way of life which gave their case an aspect beyond the simple convenience to themselves of living here.

Yet precisely because these were the grounds on which the Pereiras have been allowed to stay, that decision has come under some critisism. Even Mr Alexander Chancellor, the former editor of the *Spectator* writing in the *Sunday Telegraph* at the weekend expressed his unease because he thought that if they had lived in a big city with Indian rather than English supporters they would have been sent home.

A letter in the *Guardian* on Monday made the same point even more shrilly. The decision was described by the writer as highlighting "the innate racism so profoundly entrenched at the Home Office". This couple had the luck to be settled among white Conservative voters but other immigrants were thrown out because their supporters were "non-Aryan" and "lefties". The Pereira supporters' claim "that the family had integrated so well into the white community" itself showed that this was an exceptional case proving that in general "it is racism that rules".

So a new message goes out. Contrary to previous instruction, racialism is not simply a matter of disliking individuals because of the colour of their skin; it is also a preference for accepting people with a strong inclination to be assimilated into the British community and who are in numbers that assist this process. The Pereiras' case confirms what I have always believed: that there was little racialism based on skin-colour in Britain until (through the resistance of white so-called liberals to every sensible attempt to limit immigrant numbers) immigration became so heavy and concentrated in certain areas as to make assimilation hard.

We now have the further twist that racialism also has to do with the skin-colour of the supporters of immigrants – and the trouble with the Pereiras was that they are wanted and supported by indigenous English people because (they are, for one thing, Christian and speak only English) they blend culturally with the community in which they live.

That in itself is an offence to those "anti-racists" whose chief anxieties are on behalf of people who, having little commitment to English life and culture, are concerned principally to see that this is replaced by what is called a "multi-cultural community". That any affection for the native culture is itself seen by some pressure groups as a form of racialism is evident from some current attitudes to education.

Thus last week's *Black on Black* Programme (by blacks and for blacks) on Channel 4 television launched a bitter attack on education's alleged refusal to take account of the fact that Britain is a multiracial society. It condemned the relatively small proportion of black teachers to black pupils. (But should we take note of a teacher's colour?) It asserted that "multicultural education is not seen to be relevant" where white people are in the majority. ("We cannot", said one contributor, "be telling children in Devon that the only people that matter are white children": such is the mind-conditioning material of this programme). A "Caribbean" (sic) headmaster criticized the planned curriculum; "It is Eurocentric and in that sense racist."

Yet if the native population of these islands had been told, when it was pressed upon them that it must accept the largest immigrant settlement the nation has ever known, that in 20 years time they must modify their cultural heritage and the educational curriculum; that it would be a mark against the Pereiras that they were so obviously assimilable, what would have been their reply in the voting booths? And should we not expect that if our children settled in France and Germany, their children would consider themselves French and German in culture, albeit perhaps with an affectionate remembrance of their forbears.?

When people settle in a new country they may wish to preserve much of their old identity in their homes and places of religion. But when before has it ever been claimed that the curriculum and educational patterns of the native culture must be changed to accomodate theirs, and at the public expense? As for Eurocentricity, we are in Europe, and Europe's is our culture.

The race fanatics are rapidly reducing their case to absurdity. Not long ago, a discussion document from the Inner London Education Authority asserted that only white people could be racialist because only white people benefited from it and were virtually fated to do what benefited them. These are not arguments that we can afford to let pass for lack of an answer, for they do condition minds. They ought to be confronted. The case of the Pereiras has helped us to understand what the argument has always been really about – and that is much more identity and culture than colour.

Paul Jennings

I do like to *see* the seaside

I suspect that every Englishman, deep down, feels there is some sort of relationship between commercial well-being and aquavelation, even if he doesn't know what that word means. Well, he is not likely to know, because I've just made it up, from *aqua*, water, and *velare*, to veil or hide. Aquavelation means the shutting out from view of any visually interesting waterscape of the remotest port or anything of industrial significance, with tall, largely unused, buildings, or simply long high walls.

It probably goes right back to a Puritan work ethic, the strict separation of business from pleasure, work from idling, use from beauty. There are examples of this in London, the Embankment (and no doubt before that the Strand when it *was* the strand or shore), the House of Commons terrace with its tea or cocktail parties.

Where the real work was done, when London was a mighty port handling 62,000 vessels and 44 million tons of goods on 45 miles of quay a year before the war (and even after it; taking the wrong turn after Vauxhall Bridge on my way to play cricket for *The Observer* against some police Monday team in south London, I would find myself seeing tall red funnels and black masts above little low houses) things were different.

. . . Fashionable, the very word is like a bell. The South Bank's new opening-up and identification with aesthetic pleasure is parallel with the vague plans for marinas and executive-housing development in the old dockland, and the whole concept of Thamesmead.

Where has the commerce gone? The surprising answer is, to Felixstowe. Who would have thought it? Edwardian holidaymakers who were not quite in the Frinton (let alone Southwold) class would sit in deckchairs on the pebbly beach, looking occasionally at the brown-blue, shallow, German Ocean as they wrote postcards. Suddenly Felixstowe is the biggest container port in the country.

Probably there are still many people in mere London who don't even know that a tremendous bridge over the Orwell was opened last year. (The Orwell? Rings a bell. Well yes, Eric Blair got the idea for his pseudonym when he was living in Suffolk, at Southwold). It connects the A12 (the only road to East Anglia) with the A45 (which connects Felixstowe with mere Birmingham), by-passing Ipswich (through the docks of which you once had to go to Felixstowe, by a miracle of aquavelation never catching so much as a glimpse of water).

Such people will have heard of the Humber Bridge, which like many bridges goes from somewhere real (in this case, Hull) to somewhere unreal and anti-climactic, just a lot of potato fields and obscure Lincolnshire villages. This also goes for the Severn Bridge, from real Bristol to a lot of vague semi-Welsh, clayey-looking fields. But this great stone-piered, *double* bridge (there is actually a two-inch gap between the carriageways) goes from the very real, juggernaut-roaring A12 to the even more real Felixstowe. Our rear face to the EEC . . .

This bridge was designed by the late Sir Frederick Gibberd. The magical garden of his house (near Harlow, of all places) was a miracle of tree-walks, falling levels, dammed streams, visual excitement. I am ready to bet that his original design allowed people to see the beautiful wooded-estuary vistas of the dramatically widening, sea-promising Orwell from their cars. But in the end the ancestral urge for aquavelation, when reality, *commercial* reality, was at stake, prevailed. You can't see a damned thing as you drive along its approaches, let alone actually over it, but concrete. You might as well be in a tunnel.

Of course, various official excuses are trotted out. Motorists might be distracted by the actual beauty of the view. There are pedestrians who might be affected by vertigo (dash it, they are much more likely to be affected by boredom, traversing nearly two miles of concrete nothing). You can get these winds, it might be dangerous. But dash it even more, the concrete wall, about 5ft high, could not act as a windbreak against the tall juggernauts really vulnerable to the wind.

Their drivers sit high enough in their cabs, to see the beauty which is denied to us mere motorists, us non-commercials. But then that's the whole point of aquavelation.



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THE UNCOMMON MARKET

So it has taken only 27 years since the signing of the Treaty of Rome for the two leading members of the common market to announce, with due self-congratulation, the abolition of customs formalities for travellers crossing their common frontier. There remain, of course, "inspection formalities" – not least because both France and Germany impose a series of quotas on goods transported by road into their respective national territories. But perhaps it will take no more than a further quarter century to remove this particularly blatant obstacle to internal free trade.

It is not the budget disputes that paralyse summit meetings which are the true affront to the European ideal. All societies, after all, tend to quarrel over taxation and expenditure. The shameful sickness of the Community is lethargy; painfully slow progress towards its fundamental objective of a common market. It is 16 years since the erection of the common external customs tariff and the final abolition of internal duties. But the cost of frontier formalities was estimated by the EEC Commission itself last year to add between 5 and 10 per cent to the costs of internal trade. With the notable exception of electrical goods, a common market in manufactures is still obstructed by the barbed wire of differing national standards and certification procedures: harmonisation is slow, and impeded politically by an insensitive determination to standardise detail, rather than force member states to accept each other's general seals of approval.

In the newer industries where Europe most desperately needs a large home market on which to base development and export potential, national procurement policies carve demand into useless small pieces. Telecommunications, for example, is massively obstructed by nationalism. And if progress has been slow in the market for manufactures, it has barely begun in the service industries – from which all EEC nation states earn a larger proportion of their national income. British building societies, for example, may not compete for German mortgage business. The West German insurance industry is heavily protected – another source of bitter dispute with Britain.

And the British government has just been blocked, yet again, in an attempt to break the air price cartel in Europe and introduce cheap fares to Amsterdam. The Dutch, it was hoped, were sufficiently liberal in trade matters to join in this attempt to undermine a cosy price agreement which serves to prop up ailing national airlines in Europe and deprives its citizens of easy movement from one part of the common market to another. But caution – or German influence – have prevailed.

In this murky area of protectionism, no government has clean hands. Britain, for example, takes a far more restrictive attitude than West Germany to imports from Japan. In manufactured trade, West Germany has some reason to pride itself on living up to its free market ideals. But in service trade, it is more often than not the villain of the piece. Britain, which is running a manufactured trade deficit and trying to develop its expertise in services, has reason to feel aggrieved.

It does not do to pile one intra-EEC quarrel on top of another. A better approach is to stress the common advantages of liberalising the internal market for services. Internal barriers tend to drive business right outside the community; American multinationals, for example, may look for insurance "offshore" if they cannot conclude a deal for block insurance on their EEC business with an insurer inside the Community. The need for internal unity has also been shown by the failure of the EEC's recent trade negotiations with Japan. Europe's internal divisions were neatly exploited by the Japanese. Never one to miss an international political trick, the Japanese prime minister has pointed out that West Germany's financial markets are now more closed, even to its EEC partners, than Tokyo's.

If common elections within the EEC are to serve any purpose, they should enhance concentration on common issues. The voters of the European Community all lose from their governments' restrictive practices, and the EEC sometimes appears to be the biggest restrictive practice in the business. Is it too much to hope that the forthcoming elections can give some stimulus to the enlargement of the decidedly uncommom market?

PICKETING AND THE QUEEN'S PEACE

By common consent of the politicians, speaking from right to left, there is now a crisis of law and order in the miners' dispute, and the police are bearing the brunt of it. Mrs Thatcher said yesterday that there was an attempt to substitute the rule of the mob for the rule of law and nobody who had seen the filmed scenes of violent mass picketing on Tuesday could rationally dispute that. Dr David Owen, the leader of the Social Democrats said that for Coal Board and British Steel to continue to ignore legislation on illegal picketing, if the talks between the Coal Board and the miners' union fail, would be effectively to undermine the rule of law. Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Labour Shadow Home Secretary, stated that there was a crisis in law and order between public and police.

But at this point, agreement (at least between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Kaufman) ended. Mrs Thatcher said that the attempt to subvert the rule of law must not succeed and no responsible politician, pushed to give a straight answer to a straight question, would contradict that. But the Labour front bench, in its embarrassment, will go a long way to avoid a straight answer on the miners' conduct and Mr Kaufman did so yesterday. Speaking to a police audience, he argued that the police were being pushed into a gap created by the failure of the government's employment legislation. He attacked what he described as the inoperable civil law brought in by the present government and he saw the police as having to pick up the pieces.

But that is to rearrange the facts for political convenience with quite unacceptable sophistry. It is an exercise in flouting logic with which Mr Kaufman should not be allowed to get away. For the civil law is not at the heart of what has been happening this week. It may indeed be that the Coal Board should now go back to the courts and invoke the law on secondary picketing, as has been argued here before. Its decision not to proceed with its contempt of court action against the Yorkshire miners was taken because the Nottinghamshire men were getting to work and it seemed to the NCB best to do nothing to exacerbate the situation. It may well be, as Dr Owen says, that it should now reconsider that position. Even more to the point is whether British Steel, whose Orgreave works have been the principal victim of secondary picketing this week, should consider invoking the civil law.

Yet when all that is said, it is not the civil but the criminal law which is at issue after the latest violence on the picket lines. The police are blamed by the miners' leaders for brutality on the grounds that violence erupts only because the police prevents the miners' attempts at "persuasion". But what sort of persuasion is it that makes itself felt by the presence of thousands who go equipped with missiles and smoke bombs; what sort of persuasion is it that seeks to make its point by violent action of the kind that when the police cannot prevent it, endangers life and limb?

Nobody for a moment (not even, it must be presumed, Mr Kaufman) could nurture the illusion that if the police were to withdraw, the assembled pickets in their hundreds would let lorries pass, or men go to work, once the miners' spokesmen had attempted verbal persuasion and if the men who wished to cross the lines remained unconvinced. In recent years, there has been a discernible increase in picketing of the kind which is undisguised intimidation, and the miners' dispute has brought that phenomenon to a wholly new and unacceptable level.

It is both unreasonable and irrelevant to argue that these events expose the weakness of the Prior and Tebbit Industrial Relations Acts. The problem (so far as these are relevant) is not so much that they are weak but that they have not been properly tested. But what is really at issue is the criminal law and the Queen's Peace. When this dispute is over the government ought to give serious consideration to making a much more precise law to govern the conditions in which picketing is lawful. Violence in picketing is already a criminal offence, but the law has a right to lay down the conditions which are unacceptable because they make violence a serious risk. It is doubtful whether a code of conduct is any longer enough.

STEPPING-STONES TO A TABOO

New patterns of family life are emerging in the wake of the divorce explosion. It is no longer uncommon for a child to be raised, for at least part of its childhood, by one natural parent and one step parent. It will undoubtedly take considerable time for society to shape and form the role of step-parent, defining the expectations and limitations of the role so that it becomes part of the common wisdom. In the absence of such reinforcement step parents have to feel their way carefully into somewhat uncharted territory. The same is true of the role of the "missing" (divorced) parent. He (as usually it is) relinquishes to the step-father most of the practical details of parenting, stripping his role to its bare essentials, the bond of consanguinity. The best guide, for the step parent, is to be and to do what parents are generally expected to be and do. And this must emphatically rule out any possibility of a sexual relationship. It should be seen as akin to incest, and covered by a similar taboo: possibly even by similar laws, as is already the case in Scotland.

Giving little weight to such considerations, a commission set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a majority report proposing the dismantling of such legal barriers as exist in English law against the intrusion of sexuality into step parent step child relationships. After the age of 21, any step child would be free to marry the step parent it grew up with, which means through its childhood it would be seen as a potential sexual partner. It is not for nothing that the traditional horror of incest applies to adults as well as to children. It is necessary for the protection of children. The cardinal principle is that no individual may look for potential sexual or marriage partners within the family, and this is not primarily for the good of the gene stock but for the good of the family as society's basic institution, the place where children grow up. The majority mistakenly put all its emphasis on another principle, the natural liberty of choice of marriage partner; but it is a far lesser principle than the safeguarding of the family's integrity.

This the minority in the commission correctly perceived, suggesting also that in relatively rare cases where the step-relationship was only nominal, a court or tribunal should be able to dispense with the impediment. They would have to prove that they had never lived together as part of a family household, in other words that their affinity was purely formal. Such a procedure would be preferable to the only choice now open to such a couple, a private parliamentary bill, and would meet those cases most deserving of sympathy.

G. K. Chesterton once asked whether it was wise to saw through a timber spar in the loft on the ground that it was not clear what its purpose was. The architect would say different: Chesterton was making a theological point. The majority in this commission is urging society towards the same mistake, for the ban on marriage within prohibited degrees of affinity has impressive credentials in religious tradition. For an archbishop's commission to dismiss them so lightly is odd; but no less odd than its simplistic treatment of the difficult, subtle and vulnerable relationship of step-parent to step-child. The Church of England should revoke such authority as has already been given to this report from its association with the archbishop, by exposing it promptly to the mangling in the General Synod which it deserves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Need for caution on defence

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Michael Beetham

Sir, I have read with interest the letters from the former Chiefs of Defence Staff (March 20, 23, 30, April 3 and May 17) commenting on Mr Michael Heseltine's proposals for the reorganization of the higher echelons of the Ministry of Defence. I note a common theme of caution that the revised organization, whatever form it may take, should not strip the single-Service Chiefs of Staff of the staff they require to fulfil their function as professional head of their Service and to tender advice to the Chief of Defence Staff and the Government on strategy and defence policy.

This point has been taken up, too (May 7), by the last Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Leach, with whom I served in the Chiefs of Staff Committee through the 1981 defence review and the Falklands war. The whole issue will remain a very live topic over the next month or so and I understand is to be debated shortly in the House of Lords.

May I therefore add my own voice of caution stemming from my experience as a single-Service Chief of Staff over a period of more than five years. There was some disagreement among the Chiefs of Staff during that Defence Review, not surprisingly as we were faced with the very difficult problem of inadequate resources to meet all our Nato commitments. But the views of the single-Service Chiefs of Staff were fully exposed to the Secretary of State, as were the views of the Chief of Defence Staff.

The debate was held in a responsible and constructive manner at all times and the Secretary of State had the benefit of the soundest possible advice for making his decisions. The working of the MoD staff in the Falklands war was a model of efficiency and cooperation, the central staff playing the coordinating role, the single-Service staff implementing the instructions down the line to their formations and units.

Mr Heseltine should be careful before he tampers too much with that organization. In particular, if the central staff is to be strengthened at the expense of the single-Service staff, one must ask who it will be on the central staff better able professionally to give advice to the Chief of Defence Staff and the Secretary of State on the policy and employment of a particular Service than the head of that Service who will have the ultimate responsibility and who will carry the can should the advice be wrong?

I am not saying there should be no changes to the organization, but not a wholesale upheaval of a system that has suffered its fair share of reorganization over the years and has brought us successfully through not only the Falklands war but also all the other emergencies the British Services have been faced with over the last several years.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BEETHAM,
Barn House,
South Creake,
Fakenham,
Norfolk.
May 26.

'Lithgow v Whitehall'

From Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP for Hexham (Conservative)

Sir, I am afraid that your omission of a key phrase in my letter of May 29 makes apparent nonsense of part of my argument. The second paragraph should have included the words in brackets and have read:

Sir Michael Havers writes that the Government are not saying that an expropriation without compensation would be justified. That can hardly be regarded as a resounding declaration of Conservative principles, especially since it may be noted that [at the outset of the proceedings the Government maintained that] the Convention does not, either expressly or by implication, guarantee a right to compensation in case of nationalisation of the property of a state's own nationals.

It is not I but the Government who put that interpretation on the Convention.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY RIPPON,
House of Commons.
May 30.

From Sir William Lithgow

Sir, Nationalisation – compensation.
Michael havers.
As always,
BILL LITHGOW,
PO Box 2,
Port Glasgow,
Renfrewshire.
May 28.

Rest and be thankful

From the Reverend J. W. Masding

Sir, Bank holidays have a friend in the parochial clergy, who can seldom count upon relatively undisturbed occupation of their homes at any other time.

I had 10 callers yesterday. That was high for a Bank holiday, very low for a Monday. And of course there were no funerals. A day without funerals, and usually without undertakers phoning to arrange them, is one thing; a week without is quite another.

People can treat an occasional Monday as a *dies non* and at what blessed times they sometimes fall! But a national "wakes week" is part of cloud cuckoo-land – the demands of life and death would continue and it would be a holiday for the privileged few.

The Church could not "shut"; and neither could the service industries. No plumber for a day is one thing; but a week!

Yours faithfully,
J. W. MASDING,
Hamstead Vicarage,
Walsall Road,
Birmingham.
May 29.

Experiments with human embryos

From Dr J. D. Bromhall

Sir, In Ian Kennedy's article, "Let the law take on the test tube" (May 26), in which he concentrates on research on human embryos, he concludes that such research is never morally permissible.

I have argued (*The Times*, July 30, 1982) that it would be immoral not to use the technique of *in vitro* fertilization to investigate the earliest stages of human development, such research being directed in particular at understanding the causes of genetically based birth defects and preventing such afflictions in future generations.

These apparently irreconcilable views may find common ground if we distinguish between two kinds of embryos, characterised by their different origins.

In the first category are the "spare" embryos produced by fertilizing a greater number of eggs than are necessary to ensure a pregnancy in an IVF programme to help infertile couples. Such "spare" embryos may be frozen for subsequent implantation, if the first attempt is unsuccessful, but in the event that this is not necessary the fact of their existence forces those directly concerned, and society in general, to address the question of what should be their ultimate fate.

On the specific option of using such embryos for research it could be argued that they had been created with the object of achieving a pregnancy, each embryo with the potential for developing into a human being with a known identity and "belonging" to the potential parents, and thus their use as subjects for research should be impermissible.

But there is an alternative source of eggs, which, when fertilized, or stimulated to develop without fertilization, could provide a second category of embryos created specifically for research purposes. Eggs could be taken from ovaries removed for medical reasons (or even donated after death) and from women undergoing surgery because they wish to cease child-bearing, or for other reasons.

I believe that many women, fully informed of the contribution their unwanted eggs could make to alleviating human suffering, would be glad to help in this way. Of special value would be the eggs obtained from older women and from those known to be or suspected of carrying a genetic defect.

The use of such embryos in research would not be attended by the moral issues concerning "spare" embryos since they would have no "parents" and have no potential for becoming human beings, or even foetuses, if research were to be restricted to the embryonic phase of development, i.e., up to the stage reached by a normal embryo at the end of the eighth week of pregnancy, by which time all the organs of the body have formed and an embryo becomes a foetus. (By this stage major morphological abnormalitites caused by genetic defects or by teratogenic agents will have been expressed).

In concluding that research on embryos is never permissible and that the law must be the appropriate regulatory mechanism Ian Kennedy makes the point that if the law is to command respect (and therefore obedience) it must not stray too far from the collective conscience of society.

I do not believe that this conscience will deny scientists and doctors the opportunity of making important discoveries about the early stages of human development, particularly where this may lead to the avoidance or alleviation of the immeasurable suffering associated with birth defects.

I proffer the suggestion of distinguishing between two categories of embryos, one on which experiments may not be permitted, and the other created specifically for research purposes, as a way of resolving the dilemma.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. BROMHALL,
30 Bagley Wood Road,
Kennington, Oxford.

From Dr W. M. O. Moore

Sir, Professor Ian Kennedy (May 26) explains why, from the moral viewpoint, only one egg should be taken, fertilised and implanted at a time. This is certainly right from the obstetric viewpoint.

The six per cent of babies who are of low birthweight account for two thirds of the nation's perinatal mortality. Whereas in singleton pregnancy the incidence is just under six per cent, half the babies from twin pregnancy are of low birthweight.

To do other than Professor Kennedy proposes would inevitably increase perinatal mortality, and morbidity in the survivors.

Yours faithfully,
W. M. O. MOORE,
University of Manchester,
St Mary's Hospital,
Manchester.
May 29.

From Mrs J. S. Vale

Sir, I have been following with great interest the various articles on the discussions of the ethics of experimentation on spare embryos which result from *in-vitro* fertilization.

I totally agreed with the conclusions reached by Ian Kennedy (May 26) that guidelines and self-regulation are totally inadequate for this complex moral issue. It is an area which is too open to abuse by some scientists justifying it as a means to an end.

I am sure most women involved in and receiving the benefits from the *in-vitro* fertilization technique would endorse his view that the number of ova fertilized at any one time should be limited to two or three and that all fertilized ova should be implanted, so eliminating spare embryos production.

Perhaps they should voice this opinion to their MPs so that the opinion of the people can be heard as well as that of the Warnock committee.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. VALE,
Rosedene,
The Cross,
Drybrook,
Gloucestershire.
May 26.

From Mr Lucas Mellinger

Sir, Your correspondents concerned with human embryos base their ethics on the same standards accorded to animals, i.e., a "sense of awareness", but meaning a "sense of pain".

Surely the relevant awareness is that, firstly in the mother, of the unity between her and her child, made manifest, if by no other physical and psychological symptom of pregnancy, by the umbilical cord.

Secondly, if parents are, as once we were taught, one flesh, the relevant awareness must be that of the family.

This awareness, according to sociobiologists, is common amongst animals, and by extension should enter spontaneously into our human consciousness.

Have we become so schizophrenic that we must debate how soon that which is part of us may be split off with good grace?

Yours faithfully,
LUCAS MELLINGER,
24 Montpelier Row,
Twickenham,
Middlesex.
May 29.

Fear at N London Poly

From Mr Jack Shapiro

Sir, Lord Annan writes (May 28) from the secure fastness of the House of Lords.

Were he to be named on a National Front "hit list" in their publications, with which Mr Harrington is connected, he would know that the consequence is indeed fear on the part of the victims.

The National Front's role at the Polytechnic of North London and elsewhere is to "finger" those who can be included in a published "hit list". The Brown Shirts in Germany, well before Hitler seized power, used this tactic to spread fear throughout the universities and other centres of learning.

It is the tactics of the National Front in arranging demonstrations of their followers in areas populated by ethnic groups they label as "foreigners" and in publishing "hit lists" that is terrorist political activity engaged in only by the National Front.

All who value our democracy are opposed to these tactics and surely Lord Annan would wish to be numbered in this opposition?

Yours faithfully,
JACK SHAPIRO,
100 Brim Hill, N2.

'Rescue' at Entebbe

From Mr Andrew Faulds, MP for Warley East (Labour)

Sir, Mr Levin (May 15) says I "denounced the Israeli rescue . . . at Entebbe". He is right: I did, as I did the attempted rescue of the Americans in Iran.

The first – and most important – point is that taking action (even rescue action) in the sovereign territory of another country is normally considered to be in contravention of international law.

The second point is that Israeli "rescue operations" (47 hostages had already been released) at Entebbe – as in many other instances in other places – have caused more deaths than would have ensued had the more patient tactics been used that other nations adopt in such hostage situations.

In the Entebbe "rescue operation" a number of Ugandan soldiers died, as well as three Israelis and three Palestinians – and so too did the unfortunate Mrs Bloch, whose hospital stay would not have ended in death but for the Israeli intervention.

And how many of the Americans who eventually left Iran alive would now be dead if the US efforts had led to the resolution pursued at Entebbe?

Sincerely,
ANDREW FAULDS,
House of Commons.
May 21.

Classroom qualities

From Miss I. Shepherdson

Sir, I hope someone more able than I will take up the point of your leader writer "(Teachers' tantrums", May 21) that the qualities. . . needed for teaching any academic sixth form are not the same as those needed for the difficult classes of an inner city comprehensive." But in case not, may I declare that this is a dangerous concept which has bedevilled – and, apparently, is continuing to bedevil – the educational world.

Whether students are attempting to plumb the unfathomable depths of *Lear* or are struggling with the complexities of the English alphabet they need the same qualities from their teachers: knowledge of and enthusiasum for a subject; an awareness that knowledge is a seamless robe; intelligence; disernment; imagination; sympathy.

The application of these qualities will vary with circumstances, not the qualities themselves. The most disastrous consequence of appointing bodies not looking for all these qualities in every teacher is that we put children into groups – bands, streams, sets, even separate schools – to try to match the limitations of the teacher rather than to meet the students' needs.

Yours faithfully,
ISOBEL SHEPHERDSON,
The Swallows, Kilham,
Driffield, N. Humberside.

Too little scope in engineering

From Professor J. Heyman and others

Sir, We were astonished by your report in *The Times* of May 25 under the heading "Companies recruit key staff abroad", which indicated that such was the shortage of skills in electronics, computer science and some engineering fields, firms such as GEC and Plessey are having to recruit from Australasia, USA and Europe.

We are astonished, not because of the shortage, of which we are all too fully aware, but that these same companies are limiting the short-term practical training places available for undergraduates in engineering and electronics during their courses to such an extent that students from this university, at any rate, are being severely discouraged from pursuing a career in engineering.

Last summer was a difficult time for students trying to find places in industry for their practical training, which is a mandatory part of their degree requirements at Cambridge. This year, despite reported upturns in the economy, the situation appears to be even more difficult.

Although we appreciate that training budgets may have been cut during the present period of financial stringency, it is shortsighted to make cuts in the small but critical area of vacation training.

Each year industry seeks to attract engineering graduates with good training and some understanding of industry. Short-term fluctuations in industry's readiness to provide practical experience increase the impression of erratic and volatile reaction to events which is one of the factors that tend to deter graduates from looking seriously at industry for their careers.

It is hardly surprising that many of them are looking with more enthusiasm at other fields, such as chartered accountancy and banking.

The problem is both long-term and, for those now at the university, immediate. Has anyone from industry any suggestions?

Yours etc,
J. HEYMAN (Head, Department of Engineering),
N. G. WALLACE (Superintendent of Workshops, Department of Engineering),
W. P. KIRKMAN, (Secretary, University Careers Service),
M. GAVIN (Careers adviser for engineers),
University of Cambridge,
Department of Engineering,
Trumpington Street,
Cambridge.
May 28.

From Dr Colin White

Sir, Mr Tom King stated (report, May 24) that it was difficult to get children, especially in primary schools, to specialize in subjects which would help them later gain jobs in the new industries.

I share Mr King's concern. My six-year-old son shows no interest in tribology, cryogenics or genetic engineering.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN WHITE,
120 Totley Brook Road,
Sheffield.

Off pitch

From Colonel D.L. Sylvester-Bradley

Sir, I named my boat "Chukka" to remind me of a game I used to enjoy. I would not have done so had I thought it implies "to proceed roughly in a circle" (letter, May 22).

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BRADLEY,
The Lofts,
Lower Pennington,
Lymington, Hampshire.

Madness in great ones

From Dr Roland Littlewood

Sir, Professor Shepherd's endorsement (May 26) of Bernard Levin's "mad leader" thesis is rather alarming, especially as he emphasises that this type of mental illness might not be immediately apparent. Gaddafi, Khomeini and other cultural innovators would be well advised to avoid British psychiatrists.

Without suggesting that we are in the Russian league, it might be worthwhile to point out that colonial and Commonwealth psychiatrists interned Melanesian cargo-cultists (Ne Loiag), Jamaican Rastafarians (Leonard Howell), Canadian Doukhobors and Rice Kamanga, founder of the Barotse Twelve Society. On March 4, 1795, *The Times* suggested that the French Revolution had been initiated by millenial sectarians and, within a few weeks, the radical Richard Brothers was arrested for treason and committed to a mental hospital.

We are not concerned with a debate of merely antiquarian interest. The British Rastafarian community is currently concerned with the large number of its members who have been detained under the Mental Health Act and, in its opinion, inappropriately diagnosed and treated.

Yours etc,
ROLAND LITTLEWOOD,
Department of Psychological Medicine,
Guy's Hospital, SE1.
May 26.

Sinking feeling

From Mr Benjamin Finn

Sir, Michael Baily ("BR keeps its 'Great British Breakfast' ", May 24) quotes British Rail's catering division as saying the proposal of a "Euro-breakfast" of cold ham and cheese "went down like a lead balloon."

Surely a lead balloon would go down rather well?

Yours faithfully,
BENJAMIN FINN,
The King's School,
Canterbury, Kent.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 30: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning opened the new Terminal at Birmingham International Airport (Director, Mr R. R. Taylor).

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford), the Chairman of West Midlands County Council (Councillor V. E. Turton) and the Chairman of the Airport Committee (Councillor C. R. Beardwood), The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and, with The Duke of Edinburgh, toured the Terminal Building.

Afterwards Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, attended a Reception and honoured the Chairman of the County Council with her presence at luncheon in the Airside Suite.

This afternoon The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Expo '84 Exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, where Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Councillor R. J. Hales).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by the Marchioness of Abergavenny, Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member of the Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, this evening attended a meeting of the Society at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, SW1.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning unveiled Mr Terence Cuneo's painting "D-Day", commissioned by the Army Benevolent Fund (President, General Sir John Mogg), at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, SW3.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 30: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Guernsey, and was received on arrival at St Peter Port by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey (Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter le Cheminant).

Her Majesty unveiled a plaque at the Town Church, visited King Edward VII Hospital and attended a Reception given by the States of Guernsey at the Beau Segour Leisure Centre.

In the afternoon Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother made a tour of the Island, attended a Rally of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and opened the new Headquarters of the Girl Guides Association at St Andrews.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 30: The Prince and Princess of Wales, Earl and Countess of Chester, visited Cheshire today.

Having arrived at Chester Station in the Royal Train, Their Royal Highnesses visited the Town Hall, Chester and afterwards toured the General Wing of West Cheshire Hospital.

In the afternoon The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Golden Square Shopping Centre, Warrington.

Their Royal Highnesses, attended by Mr David Roycroft, Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Victor Chapman, later returned to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Royal Gala Evening to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and presented the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture (1984) to Mr Charles Correa, at Hampton Court Palace.

The Hon Edward Adeane was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 30: The Duke of Gloucester today opened Langley Park House, Slough on behalf of BPB Industries plc and later opened the Building and Construction Exhibition "Conex '84" on behalf of The Concrete Society – Northampton Club, at Derngate Centre, Northampton.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 30: The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the United Kingdom Committee of European Music Year 1985, this morning took the chair at a Committee Meeting which was held at the British Council, 10, Spring Gardens, London SW1.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Basil Blackwell will be held at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, at 11.30 today.

The face of courage

Mrs Pamela Walsh, who received the Provincial Police gold medal for bravery yesterday for tackling three shotgun raiders single handed. Mrs Walsh, aged 38, from Liverpool, held on to one of the raiders even though he struck her twice on the head with the barrel and butt of his shotgun, fracturing her skull. Yesterday, after receiving the award, she said: "I'd do it all again tomorrow." Mrs Walsh added: "If we all stood up to be counted in this country, crime would not happen. I was just doing what every citizen should do."

After the robber broke away from her, after the raid on a Securicor van in Liverpool, Mrs Walsh helped a police officer search the area.

Mr Charles McLachlan, Chief Constable of Nottingham, told the annual conference in Torquay of the Chief Police Officers' Association, where the award was made: "Mrs Walsh's resourceful and courageous behaviour in tackling three armed and determined robbers is worthy of the highest commendation".

Royal engagements

The following engagements for July have been announced from Buckingham Palace:

2. The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new library extension at Napier College, Edinburgh.

Princess Anne, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the Drum Riding Centre for the Disabled Trust, Gilmerton, Edinburgh, to celebrate the trust's silver jubilee and later, as Colonel in Chief, will visit the Royal Scots Museum and the Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception to mark the two hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Society of Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland in their library at Parliament House, Edinburgh.

3. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a service of installation of the Knights of the Thistle in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, and later will give a Thistle luncheon at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Queen will visit an exhibition to mark the centenary of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society at 10 Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh.

4. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Queensbury House Hospital in Edinburgh to mark its sesquincentenary and also the Scottish Naval and Military Veterans' residence at Whiteford House, Edinburgh.

Princess Anne will attend a reception in Edinburgh in aid of the British Olympic Appeal.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Duke of Edinburgh, honorary patron, will attend a concert given by the Scottish Baroque Ensemble at the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh.

5. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Berwickshire. Princess Anne will visit Glenrothes and in the evening, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a *son et lumiere* at Hampton Court Palace.

6. The Queen will visit the Fairmile Nursing Home in Edinburgh to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Marie Curie.

The Queen will visit the 1st Battalion the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, and will stay to lunch.

Princess Anne, Patron of the British School of Osteopathy, will attend the annual presentation of the Diploma awards at the Institution of Civil Engineers, London.

The Queen will attend a reception given by her chaplains in Scotland at Abden House, Edinburgh.

Princess Anne, Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend a reception at Ewen Manor, Gloucestershire.

7-9. Princess Anne will attend the opening of the Royal Opera Season, which is being presented as part of the Olympic Cultural Festival in Los Angeles, United States.

9. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will dine with the Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs Jamieson.

The Prince of Wales, president, Mary Rose Trust, will open the Mary Rose Exhibition in HM Naval Base, Portsmouth.

10. Princess Anne, President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, will inaugurate a day of British film and television in Los Angeles.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

11. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the National Federation of Housing Associations, will open a housing development in West Ealing, Greater London.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Tyne Tees *Face the Press* luncheon at the Hyde Park Hotel and will later, as President of the Westminster Abbey Trust, attend a service in Westminster Abbey marking the completion of the first half of the abbey restoration programme.

11-13. Princess Anne, President of the British Olympic Association, will visit Atlanta, Georgia, to support the fund raising activities of the British Olympic Association, United States. The Princess will also visit North Carolina to attend the four-hundredth anniversary celebrations of the first English attempts to settle in the New World, at Roanoke Island.

12. The Queen will attend a service of the Order of St Michael and St George in St Paul's Cathedral.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

14. Princess Anne, Commandant in Chief, will visit the Women's Transport Service (FANY) during a training event at the Paddock, Kensington Gardens.

14-27. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Canada.

16. Princess Anne, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit a national Riding for the Disabled Association riding holiday at Ivytod Farm, Ashdon, Essex.

Princess Anne will attend the Berkeley Square Ball.

17. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Prince of Wales will be present, on the Queen's behalf, at a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Princess Anne will take the salute at the Royal Tournament Earls Court.

18. The Prince of Wales will visit Toynbee Hall and open the new Glower and Dean Estate.

18-19. Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Signals, will visit the 3rd and 22nd Signal Regiments, BOAR.

20. The Prince of Wales, President of the Prince's Trust, will visit the camp at Badbury Rings, near Wimborne, Dorset.

21. Princess Anne will attend the Women's Cricket One Day International between England and New Zealand for the St George Assurance Cup at the Gloucestershire County Cricket Ground, Bristol.

24. Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will open the International Dolls Houses Exhibition at Longleat, Warminster, Wiltshire.

26. Princess Anne will present the prizes to the winning dog handler teams of the Army (UK) Dog Trials 1984 at the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Melton Mowbray.

The Prince of Wales, patron, will attend the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

27-August 12. The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Eqestre Internationale, will attend the XXIIIrd Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

31. The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace and in the evening will attend a performance of *Arabella* at Glynebourne.

Birthdays today

Sir Walter Barrie, 83; Miss Florence Desmond, 79; Mr Clint Eastwood, 54; Admiral Sir James Eberle, 57; Mr Denholm Elliott, 62; the Rev Professor L. A. Garrard, 80; Rear-Admiral Peter Gibson, 71; Mr Andrew Grima, 63; Air Marshal Sir Valston Hancock, 77; Major-General F. C. Horton, 77; Sir Atholl Oakeley, 84; Miss Athene Seyler, 95; Sir Ewart Smith, 87; Dr William Taylor, 54; Mr R. W. Wood, 82.

Memorial service

Brigadier L. Cross

A memorial service for Brigadier Lionel Cross was held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, yesterday. Prebendary Dewi Morgan officiated. Colonel R. M. St G. Kirke read the lesson and Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Chant-Sempill gave an address.

Among those present were:
Mrs Leslie Aked (sister-in-law), Mrs Annette Aked, Miss Belinda Aked, Mr and Mrs Adrian Cross, Mr Thomas Cook, Mrs Antonia Spowers, Mr Hugo Spowers.
Lord Astor of Hever, Lady Sempill, Lord Ardwick, Lady Barnetson, the Hon Hugh Lawson, the Hon Mrs J Whitehead, the Hon Mrs Macdonald, Sir Charles Taylor, Sir Eric Cheadle, Lady Brittain, Sir Edward Pickering (chairman, Commonwealth Press Union) with Colonel T Pierce-Goulding, Mr Howard French (representing the president), Mr and Mrs Alexander Noble, Mr T H Farrell (CPU, Australia) and Mr D L Round (CPU, New Zealand), Mr C Gordon Page (Newspaper Society), Mr Don Rowlands (Thomson Foundation), Mr Brian Nicholson (The Observer), Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs J Elton, Commander John Bate, Mr and Mrs Philip Boas, Mr Glanvill Benn, Mr William Channing, Mr John de Laszlo, Colonel P B Reger, Mr Peter Harrison, Colonel R J A Hornby, Mrs Richard Dennis, Mr K Hughes, Mr E C Hawkins, Major Patrick Hampshire, Dr T Soper, Colonel J F Crumpton, Commander J F Mennis, Colonel E A Billett, Mr Derek Ingram, Mrs Stuart Scrimgeour, Mrs Wingate Charlton, Mr Robert Sigmon (chairman, The Pilgrims), Mr David Starling, Major and Mrs D B McMorland-Hunter, Miss Jane McMorland-Hunter, Major and Mrs Brian Carr, Mrs A V Chisholm, Colonel and Mrs John Brake, Mrs M Braby, Captain Peter Canedine, Mr Nicholas Crookenden, Colonel M Dudderidge, Mr Roger Dunstan, Mrs J Flynn, Mrs M Braby, Major-General Michael Gray, Mr Gilbert McCabe, Mr W G Mallers, Mr and Mrs Mason Nelson, Mrs Jane Page, Colonel L C Plumb, Mr O Robinson, Mrs D Salusbury, Mr Colin Turner, Mr O Tynan, Mrs H M Wilson, Mrs V Sheldon, Mrs Max Neilson, and Mrs Derek Strauss

Forthcoming marriages

Captain Lord Glamis and Miss I. C. Weatherall

The engagement is announced between Michael Bowes Lyon, Scots Guards, only son of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Glamis Castle, Forfar, Angus, and Isobel, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Tony Weatherall, of Cowhill, Dumfries.

The Hon F. A. A. Maude, MP, and Miss C. J. Hadfield

The engagement is announced between Francis Anthony Aylmer, younger son of Lord Maude of Stratford-upon-Avon and Lady Maude, of South Newington, Oxfordshire and Christina Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A P Hadfield, of Copthorne, Shrewsbury.

Mr G. W. Duffill and Miss R. J. King

The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs W Duffill, of Hull, East Yorkshire, and Rosalind, only daughter of Dr G C and Dr O E King, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr D. H. Tabor and Miss E. A. Winter

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs D. J. Tabor, of Woodside Cottage, Smallfield, Surrey, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Winter, of 105 Bradstock Road, Stoneleigh, Surrey.

Mr A. P. Jenkins and Miss A. Benson

The engagement is announced between Antony, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. Jenkins, of Alcester, Warwickshire, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. H. Benson, of Lympne, Kent.

Mr N. H. Lumsden and Miss B. M. B. McKay

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Lumsden, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), younger son of Captain and Mrs J. M. G. Lumsden, of Henley Hall, Ludlow, Shropshire, and Bridget, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. B. McKay, of Pitlochry Farm, Karoi, Zimbabwe.

Mr S. N. G. Patterson and Miss S. C. King

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr M. G. Patterson, of Worplesdon, Surrey, and Mrs B. M. Patterson, of Bathurst Mews, London, and Susan Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. P. J. King, of Wimborne, Dorset.

Mr O. F. Reeve and Miss R. A. Bastard

The engagement is announced of Owen Frank Reeve, of Drayton, and Rosemary Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Bastard, of Blueboll Road, Norwich.

Marriages

The Rev J. T. Henderson and Miss H. G. Lees

The marriage of the Rev Julian Henderson and Miss Heather Lees took place on May 26th at Christ Church, New Malden, Surrey.

Mr R. Jackson and Miss B. Matthey

The marriage took place on May 22nd at St. Mary's, Battersea of Mr Robert Jackson, son of Mr and Mrs H. W. Jackson, of Loudwater, Hertfordshire, and Miss Bridget Matthey, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. I. Matthey, of Fulham, London. Canon John Morris officiated.

A reception and dance was held at Painters' Hall.

Latest wills

Sir Michael Sanigear Williams, Heathfield, East Sussex, Minister to the Holy See from 1965-70, and previously Ambassador to Guatemala 1962-63 and Assistant Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office 1963-65, left estate valued at £330,631 net.

Mr Bertram Ernest Robert Horlock, of Hoveton St John, Norfolk, left estate valued at £255,373 net. After other personal bequests, he left the residue equally between the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, National Canine Defence League, and the International League for the Protection of Horses.

Mrs Madeline Mary Gerrard, of Leicester, left estate valued at £497,504 net.

Other estates include (net before tax paid):

Ames, Mr Walter Francis, of Wimbledon, South-West London £203,729
Babington, Mr George Francis Paul Boselli, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey £201,157
Corteen, Mrs Phyllis Mary, of Wimbledon Common, South-West London £307,387
Edrupt, Miss Eva Mary, of Hampton, Middx £258,623
Groom, Mr William Henry, of Penley, Wrexham, Clwyd...£229,051
Healy, Miss Mary Caroline, of Epsom, Surrey £347,995
Johnston, Mary Esther, of Brisco, Carlisle, Cumbria £255,321
Lear, Mr Geoffrey Walter Humphrey, of Borehamwood, Herts £672,548
Wickham, Ella Sara, of Seaford, East Sussex £214,062
Ellingsen, the Rev Martin Julius, of Darlington, co Durham....£241,623

Sir Michael Williams, who left £330,631

George, Ada Annie, of Hanley Castle, Worcestershire....£212,379
Graham, Mrs Gwendoline Maud, of Trentham, Staffordshire....£204,186
Holland, Mr William John, of Bramshott Chase, Hampshire £377,097
Layton, Miss Helen Dorothy, of Sherborne £286,263
Muntz, Mr David Aylwin Irving, of Henfield, West Sussex....£259,435
Parker, Lady Kathleen Maud, of Hurlingham, London £280,644
Peat, Enid Olive, of Beighton, sheffield ....£563,256.
Treble, Mrs Gwendoline Mary May, of Penn, Wolverhampton...£301,743
Pert, Mr Stuart Paton, of Torquay £310,409
Davies, Mr Charles Gareth, of Woolton, Liverpool....£294,369
Davis, Mr Ivor James, of Newnham-on-Severn, Gloucestershire £288,796
Perry, Molly of Billericay, Essex £868,841

Mill Hill School

Foundation Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 26. The guest of Honour was Assistant Commissioner Geoffrey Dear who gave the address and presented the prizes in the sports hall. The Ramsay Award was won by J. D. Welch (McClure), and the Head Master's prize by M. S. Sanson (Priestley). The Chairman of the Court of Governors, Professor Sir Cyril Philips, and the Head Master, Mr Alastair Graham, also spoke.

The following awards were published the previous day:
Major Scholarships: J E Carswell (Belmont), T J Seaton – also a music exhibition (Belmont).
Minor Scholarship: D R Gabbay (Lyndhurst House).
Exhibitions: T A A Shaikh (ex Belmont), J H Bohm (Belmont), S H Tan (Belmont).
Tanner Award: P J Godfrey (ex Orley Farm)
Ryland Atkins Scholarship: M Greig (Kingsley Park).
Music Scholarship: D E Mears (Arnold House).
Music Exhibitions: M K W Johnston (Beechwood Park), S B Griffiths (Holmwood).
Music Bursaries: S P Morgan (Belmont), A Palaniappan (Belmont), J M Scannell (ex St Mary's Hendon).

Giggleswick School

Academic Scholarships have been awarded to Robert Paul Leadbeater of Malsis School, Alistair Philip Trewhitt of Grosvenor House School and to Helen Elizabeth Stenton of Hill House School.

A Music Scholarship has been awarded to Gemma Anne Burnett of Bedale Comprehensive School.

Minister to deliver memorial lecture

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, will present this year's Andrew John Williamson memorial lecture at Stirling University tomorrow at 7.30pm, giving "A Secretary of State's view of Scotland".

A memorial trust was set up by the parents of Andrew Williamson, who died in 1980 while a student at the university. The trust provides for an annual lecture towards the understanding and development of political thought and for a travelling scholarship for students of political studies.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Charles H. Holland, Professor of Geology and Mineralogy at Trinity College, Dublin, to be President of the Geological Society.
Professor Brian L. Clarkson, to be a member of the Science and Engineering Research Council for the period October 1, 1984 to July 31, 1988.

University news

Aberdeen
Grants
Medical Research Council: £55,921 to Drs W T Melvin and H B Gimenez for research into antigenic study of clinical isolates of human respiratory syncytial virus from Grampian area; £254,921 to Professor Mallard, Drs F W Smith and P E Undrill, for clinical trials of nuclear magnetic resonance imaging techniques.

Architectural trust to be closed

The Holford Memorial Trust, which was formed in March 1977 in memory of Lord Holford, the architect and town planner, and has benefited students at University College London and Liverpool University, is to be closed.

The inaugural appeal and subsequent convenant payments have brought in a total of £30,520, and the trust has made annual travel awards, totalling £11,000 to date, to students of architecture and town planning. It has also paid £7,000 for a catalogue of the Holford papers and £2,000 to the British Architectural Library

The trustees intend to bring the Trust to an end in 1984. Any funds remaining after the awards for 1984 will be vested in Liverpool University to provide an annual Holford prize for a student of the school of architecture and the department of civic design.

Dinners

Basketmakers' Company

Mr Victor Lucas, Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Innholders' Hall. The other speakers were Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan, Mr Alderman David Rowe-Ham and Mr Jack Neary, Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Company and President of the City Livery Club.

Gunmakers' Company

Mr E. L. Windsor, Master of the Gunmakers' Company, the Hon R. B. Beaumont and Major J. O. K. Purdey, Wardens, entertained members of the livery and their ladies at dinner at Vintners' Hall last night. The Master and Sir Colin Crowe were the speakers.

Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Honorary Member of the Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, dined with members of the society at the Institution of Civil Engineers last night. He was received by Sir William Harris, president, Mr J. G. Wiltshire, honorary treasurer, and Mr J. A. Gaffney, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Among others present were:
Viscount Simon, Lord McAlpine of Moffat, Sir Mark Wrightson, Sir Eric Yarrow, Sir Ralph Freeman, Sir Kirby Laing, Professor Sir Alan Harris, Professor Sir Alfred Pugsley, Mr J W Baxter, Rear Admiral J G Watson, Mr A D Holland, Mr W G N Geddes, Mr P A Cox, Mr J R S Morris, Mr D Downs and Mr J C McKenzie.

Anzio Dinner

Mr Nicholas Budgen, MP, entertained former officers of 2nd Bn, The North Staffordshire Regiment who had served on the Anzio beachhead in 1944 at dinner in the House of Commons last night, the fortieth anniversary of the break-out to liberate Rome.

Those present were:
Brigadier G E Thubron (former Colonel, The North Staffordshire Regiment), Colonel J C A Swynnerton (Colonel The Staffordshire Regiment), Colonel R G Madocks, Major H A Rowe, Major J G C Ruston, RA, the Rev R Haines, Major A H Athill, Major W A H Cooke, Major C W Deryton-Groom, Major B A Crutchfield, Captain P W C Piggott, Captain C Howson and Captain W Foster, RAMC.

Collingwood Association

The annual dinner of the Collingwood Association was held on May 19, at the Brewery, Chiswell Street.

OBITUARY

MR HAROLD COTTAM

Wireless operator in rescue of Titanic survivors

Mr Harold Cottam, who died yesterday in Nottingham at the age of 93, was the wireless operator on the Carpathia on the night of April 12, 1912, when the Titanic struck an iceberg. It was he who alerted Captain Rostron, who turned round the ship and put on all possible speed, and the Carpathia was the first ship on the scene of the tragedy, succeeding in picking up 705 survivors.

According to the account he gave in later years, Cottam was off duty and about to go to bed when he heard a wireless call from Cape Cod telling the Titanic there was ice about. Knowing Phillips, the wireless operator of the Titanic, he radioed him and asked if they had heard the call from Cape Cod.

The answer came back "We have struck ice; come at once". Cottam asked whether he should have the Carpathia turned round, was told "Yes" and ran up on the bridge. But he could not get the officers to listen as wireless was a new thing, and he went down to wake up Rostron, who gave the necessary orders.

Cottam was born at Southwell, in Nottinghamshire, in 1891 and after education at Southwell Minster Grammar School attended a London Marconi College. He passed his wirelesss telgraphy course with flying colours and spent many years at sea as a wirless operator. In 1911 he was with the Carpathia at Istanbul during the Turko-Italian war.

On the night of the sinking of the Titanic the Carpathia, a passenger liner, en route from New York to Gibraltar and Genoa, Cottam had exchanged frequent messages with the Titanic and other ships and was about to turn in, leaving the wireless unmanned during the night, as was the practice at that time.

When the news was received of the disaster the Carpathia was some 58 miles from the Titanic. As Rostron put it to the London inquiry, "Our ordinary speed is 14, but that night we made 17½" – keeping a close watch out for icebergs themselves.

During that time Cottam remained in touch with the Titanic, and helped her to communicate with other vessels, since the escape of steam was making it difficult for the operator to hear signals coming in.

By the time the Carpathia reached the scene, in about three hours, the Titanic had sunk with the loss of 1,500 lives, but the Carpathia picked up the survivors and took them to New York. Marconi radioed Cottam on the Carpathia, and when they arrived Cottam visited him in his New York hotel.

Cottam later continued his career as a wireless operator, serving on one of the early ships to go through the Panama Canal and travelling round the world.

He retired to Lowdham, in Nottinghamshire, where he hung a framed certificate from the Liverpool Shipwrecked Mariners' Society – which also presented him with £10. He remained a lively and active person until the end of his life.

He is survived by a son and two daughters, living respectively in the United States, Canada and Australia.

COL. K. IRANEK-OSMECKI

Colonel Kazimierz Iranek-Osmecki, who died in London on May 22 at the age of 86, saw distinguished service in the Polish Army in the Second World War, and was credited with having organized the salvage of a V 2 rocket which was fired experimentally by the Germans in Poland in 1944, the essential parts of which were then flown in a RAF Dakota to Britain.

After bombing raids by the RAF on Germany the Germans moved their rocket experimental activities to Poland, and Winston Churchill, in *The Second World War* (Volume V) described how "our Polish agents kept vigilant watch". German patrols, wrote Churchill, always raced to where the rockets fell to collect the fragments, but one day a rocket fell on the bank of the river Bug and did not explode.

The Poles got there first, rolled it into the river, waited until the Germans gave up the search, and then brought the rocket out and dismantled it. A Polish engineer, together with the rocket parts and technical documents which the Poles had evidently obtained, was flown to England; later he returned to Poland, was caught by the Gestapo and executed.

This operation, in which Iranek-Osmecki had a leading part, enabled the mechanism to be examined in Britain before the rockets were used against London in September, 1944. In August a V2 almost intact was brought from Sweden, where it had landed well off course when fired experimentally from Peenemünde in Germany in June.

Iranek-Osmecki, who had fought in the First World War under Pilsudski, came to Britain after his country had been overrun by the Germans in 1939. He was on the military staff of the Polish Government in Exile and was twice sent to Poland, the second time being parachuted in 1943, from which time he remained in Poland.

In August, 1944, he took part in the Warsaw uprising, and negotiated and signed the surrender on behalf of C-in-C of the Polish Home Army. He was then a prisoner of war.

After the war he settled in London with his wife and son and took an active part in the life of the Polish community. He wrote several books, among them *He Who Saves One Life* and *Unseen and Silent* and received several military and civil awards.

SIR GEORGE DUNNETT

Sir George Dunnett, KBE, CB, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food from 1947 to 1956, and from then until 1970 Chairman of the Sugar Board, died on May 16 at the age of 77.

He was born on May 12, 1907, at Murree, in India, and educated at Edinburgh Academy and Corpus Christi College, Oxford. In 1930 he joined the Civil Service, and served in the Prime Minister's Office during the last years of the Ramsay MacDonald government, remaining there under Stanley Baldwin.

After positions in the Treasury and the Ministry of Civil Aviation he was sent by the Treasury in 1947 to be Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, where his main responsibility was handling the reduction of wartime controls and staff.

In 1956 he became the first Chairman of the Sugar Board, where he had the task of translating the intricacies of the Sugar Act into a workable system. In 1962 he headed an inquiry into the sugar industry in the then Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, whose recommendations did much for the industry's development in Malawi and Zimbabwe, as they are now named.

On leaving the Sugar Board in 1970, Dunnett became Chairman of Rionda de Pass, remaining until 1977.

A genial and helpful man, he took a leading part in the Treasury cricket team, and had a lifelong interest in classical philosophy. He was Hon Treasurer of the Aristotelian Society from 1963 to 1977, and made a special study of Plotinus.

He married in 1938 Margaret Rosalind Davies, who died in 1977. They had a son and three daughters.

DR D. R. MELROSE

Dr D. R. Melrose, who died on May 25, was director of the research and veterinary services of the Meat and Livestock Commission. From 1962 to 1968 he had been Veterinary Director of the Pig Industry Development Authority.

He was respected throughout his profession for his work, especially in the fields of preventive medicine, animal health and artificial insemination.

Melrose was educated at Edinburgh University, where he read Veterinary Science. During and after the Second World War, from 1943 to 1946, he served with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, reaching the rank of major. He saw service in India and Burma which included the control and prevention of tropical diseases in large groups of animals on military dairy farms and work at military slaughter depots.

Later, he spent 13 years as senior research officer with the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, concentrating on research into AI and reproduction in cattle and pigs. In 1961 he was awarded a doctorate of veterinary science and surgery for a thesis on artificial insemination of cattle. The following year he moved to the Pig Industry Development Authority.

In 1969 Melrose won the David Black Award for achievement in the pig industry, and in 1974 became a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. He was a past president of the Society for the Study of Animal Breeding and the Pig Veterinary Society.

He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter.

Sir Arthur Percival Hay Aitken (known as Sir Peter Aitken) who has died at the age of 78, was at one time managing director, and then chairman, of Textile Machinery Makers. Later he was deputy chairman of Stone-Platt Industries, and a director of several insurance companies.

He was on the board of the Commonwealth Development Corporation from 1960 to 1969, and for three years from 1966 was chairman of the British National Export Council's Australia Committee.

Mr John Bell, who has died at the age of 66, was President of Bellway plc, a Tyneside firm doing flat and house conversions which he, his father and his brother built up into a company with an annual turnover of £50m.

Science report

Gas injections could liberate 'lost' oil reserves

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

While concern is being voiced about the long-term effect on the climate of carbon dioxide discharges from chimneys, other scientists are concerned that not enough carbon dioxide is available to them. There might be no environmental threat if this little paradox could be resolved by capturing the carbon dioxide emitted from the largest power station and industrial chimneys.

This odd situation is apparent from a report from a research group working on a process which involves the use of huge quantities of carbon dioxide. The gas is injected into partly depleted oil wells under high pressure as a way of enhancing the hydrocarbon recovery.

Laboratory trials indicated that more than 95 per cent of the crude could be extracted from a light-oil reservoir, similar to that of the North Sea. Figures were lower for heavier deposits. Nevertheless, these amounts are astonishingly high because such an enhancement method would in effect almost double available oil overnight.

More important, field trials are producing flows comparable with computer predictions based on the data from the small experiments showing how oil locked in a reservoir is released by super-critical carbon dioxide injection.

The conditions under which the highest recovery is achieved are described by Mr F M Orr and J J Taber of the New Mexico Petroleum Recovery Research Centre, at Socorro in the United States, in *Science*, the weekly periodical of the American association for the Advancement of Science.

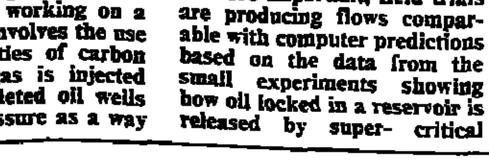
At discovery, oil in a reservoir will usually flow to the surface unaided, driven by the natural pressure in the rock formation and by the expansion of gas dissolved in the oil. After that initial release the bulk of oil recovery is sustained by injection of water or natural gas, and, more recently, steam, to reduce the oil's viscosity, to maintain the reservoir pressure. The choice of the injection agent is usually dependent on cost and availability, and waterflooding is not used for most second stage operations.

However, any successful oil recovery mechanism must overcome the forces which act to trap oil in the pores of the reservoir rocks. Flooding with water produces up to an extra 40 per cent of oil, but it is not suitable to disrupt the capillary forces and other effects that trap oil in pores.

Carbon dioxide can increase the flow by releasing the tension which is holding back most of the crude. But the physical chemistry of mixtures of oil and carbon dioxide which produce the best recovery are explained in detail by the petroleum technologists. The best mixture of the gas and the oil varies critically for changes in temperture and pressure.

Furthermore, procedures for creating the ideal composition are more difficult when flooding an operating oil well than those in the laboratory simulator. Amounts of carbon dioxide needed to recover a barrel of oil range from 3,000 to 20,000 cubic feet in practice. A 33,000-acre field has been used in Texas.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities and gilts drop

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, May 14. Dealings End, June 1. § Contango Day, June 4. Settlement Day, June 11

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS

1983/84 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
102¾	100⅛	Treas	12%	1984	100¾	-1/16	11.933	9.820
107⅝	103⅞	Treas	15%	1985	103⅞	-1/16	14.537	10.231
107	101	Exch Cv	12%	1985	101⅛	-1/16	11.859	10.370
95⅞	88¾	Treas	3%	1985	94⅛	..	3.183	9.335
103⅞	99½	Treas	11½%	1985	100⅞	-1/16	11.421	10.818
102	95½	Treas C	8¾%	1985	97⅞	-1/16	8.961	10.930
104⅞	100⅞	Exch	12½%	1985	101½	..	12.069	11.080
103⅞	98½	Exch	11¾%	1986	100⅛	..	11.662	11.219
102⅝	97⅞	Treas C	10%	1986	97⅞	..	10.217	11.281
90¼	85¼	Treas	3%	1986	88⅜	..	3.380	9.404
102	97¼	Exch C	10½%	1986	98⅞	..	10.640	11.258
104½	100	Treas	12%	1986	100⅞	• ..	11.898	11.510
98⅝	94⅛	Treas	8¼%	1984-86	94⅝	-⅛	8.983	11.436
87⅛	84½	Exch	2½%	1986	85¼	..	2.932	9.307
108½	104¼	Exch	14%	1986	104⅞	-⅛	13.385	11.681
107½	103⅛	Exch	13¼%	1987	103⅛	-⅛	12.833	11.755
100⅞	95⅞	Treas C	10¼%	1987	96⅞	-⅛	10.608	11.720
86⅛	80¼	Exch	2½%	1987	83¼	..	3.003	9.606
101⅞	95¼	Exch	10½%	1987	96¼	-⅛	10.853	11.864
93	88	Fund	6½%	1985-87	88½	..	7.345	11.228
99⅞	95⅛	Treas	10%	1987	95⅞	•-1/16	10.485	11.865
85	80¼	Treas	3%	1987	81⅞	..	3.675	10.004
105	99⅞	Treas	12%	1987	100⅛	-⅛	11.984	11.932
95	89¼	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	89¼	-⅛	8.683	11.417
101⅞	95	Exch	10½%	1988	95⅞	-1/16	10.973	11.889
106	99⅞	Treas IL	2%	1988	102⅞	-⅛	..	5.094
96½	92⅞	Treas C	9¾%	1988	92⅞	•-⅛	10.491	12.006
82	75¼	Trans	3%	1978-88	77	• ..	3.896	9.985
99	91	Treas	9½%	1988	91⅞	-1/16	10.368	11.990

MEDIUMS

1983/84 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
106⅝	96	Treas	11½%	1989	98⅛	-⅛	11.718	12.006
103⅞	93⅞	Treas	10½%	1989	93⅞	•-⅛	11.197	12.202
100¼	95¼	Exch	10%	1989	95¼	-⅛	10.952	12.319
85	76¼	Treas	5%	1986-89	77¼	-⅛	6.525	10.853
114	103	Treas	13%	1990	107½	-⅛	12.675	12.335

1983/84 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
26⅞	9⅞	AKZO	£21	..	94.5	4.5	5.6
304	203	Amersham Int	211	-4	6.4	3.0	14.3
196	115	Anglia TV 'A'	175	..	10.0	5.7	14.7
20½	13½	Anglo Amer Ind	£17¼	..	102	5.9	8.6
43½	29⅞	Aquascutum 'A'	41	-1½	2.9	7.1	16.8
178	111	Argyll Grp	145	-4	6.4	4.4	16.3
530	382	Ash & Lacy	505	-5	25.7	5.1	9.7
313	171	Ass Book	280	-3	10.7	3.8	11.8
182	129¼	Ass Brit Food	160	-2	7.1		
184	102	Ass Dairies	158	-4	3.7		
99	59	Ass Fisheries	83	-1	3.6		
511	136	Ass News	438	-7	14.9		
154	63	Ass Paper	141	• -2	6.4		
323⅞	158⅞	Atlantic Comp	260	-10	3.2b		
120	78⅞	Attwoods PLC	92	-2	3.8		
57	25	Ault & Wiborg	31	h ..	1.2		
21	7	Aurora PLC	16½	..	..		
21	9	Do 9% Cnv Pref	18	..	1.3		
81	20	Automotive Pd	64	-3	1.4		
178	88	Avon Rubber	138	-5	5.7		
251	131	B.A.T. Ind	200	• -7	11.8		
43	24	BBA Grp	30	• -1	2.5		
295	166	BET Dfd	250	..	14.8		
290	210	BICC	225	• -5	15.1		
81	17	BL PLC	36	..	..		
307	170	BOC	233	-8	9.6		
338	233	BPB Ind	280	-11	9.0		
204	123½	B P C C	191	r -8	12.9b		
128	73	BPM Hldgs 'A'	112	..	8.7		
19½	12⅞	BSG Int	17	r ..	1.4		
315	54¼	BSR PLC	198	-8	2.0b		
494	252	BTR PLC	447	-15	12.1		
192	102	Babcock Int	150	-2	11.0		
182	71	Baggeridge Brk	168	..	8.0		
17	9½	Bailey C.H. Ord	13½	-½			
330	227	Baird W.	310	..	22.5		
118	41⅛	Bairstow Eves	85	-5	2.3b		
156	83	Baker Perkins	134	-6	7.7		
70	43	Banro Ind	68	..	4.7		
12¾	7½	Barker & Dobson	10½	-¼	0.4		
850	518	Barlow Rand	790	-10	39.6b		
276	90	Barratt Devs	90	-4	10.9		
42	21	Barrow Hepbn	39	-1	3.1		
186	100	Bath & P'land	160	-1	8.6b		
47⅛	29½	Bayer	£43⅛	-1⅛	260		

1983/84 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
96	64⅞	Davis G. (Hldgs)	86	-1	5.7n	6.6	8.4
80	36	Davy Corp	57	-2	5.3	9.2	8.6
194	90	Debenhams	160	-7	10.7	6.7	9.4
670	525	De La Rue	585	-15	33.6	5.7	11.9
515	240	Dee Corp	473	-10	24.3	5.1	19.5
99½	41½	Delta Grp	79	• -4	5.4	6.8	5.8
146	90⅞	Dewhirst I. J.	123	..	1.7	1.4	19.9
310	171⅞	Dixons Grp PLC	250	-10	5.8b	2.3	10.7
92½	56½	Dobson Park	65	-3½	7.4	11.4	8.5
105	83	Dom Hldgs	85	..	6.5	7.6	9.3
140	80	Dom Int Grp	110	-7	6.0	5.5	7.3
82	57	Douglas R. M.	59	-1	2.5	4.2	..
59	40	Dow'd & Mills	59	..	3.2	5.4	12.7
158	101	Dowty Grp	136	-4	5.6	4.1	10.4
78	37	Dunlop Hldgs	37	-1	..	..	..
36¼	18	EBES	£30½	-1⅛	291	9.6	..

1983/84 High	Low	Company	Price
476	227	Laporte Ind	425
272	206	Lawrence W.	210
58	24	Lawtex	47
16¼	12	Lee A.	16½
153	83	Lee Cooper	120
101	55	Leigh Int	86
560	345	Lep Grp	520
436	159	Lex Services	376
122	71	Lilley F. J. C.	71
107	30½	Lincroft Kilg	99
508	313	Link House	465
435	223	Logica	300
133½	92¾	Ldn & M'land	122
110½	55	Ldn & N'thern	82
186	62½	Ldn Brick Co	183
74	46	Longton Inds	59

1983/84 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
158	81½	Sirdar	136	-3	6.4	4.7	15.1
93	53½	600 Group	82	-1	7.5	9.1	16.0
412	345	Sketchley	349	-5	20.0n	5.7	15.3
236	127⅞	Smith & Neph	200	-12	6.4	3.2	17.6
158	112	Smith W. H. 'A'	126	-3	6.0n	4.8	13.8
33	22½	Do "B"	27	..	1.2n	4.4	14.5
583	350	Smiths Ind	503	-8	17.5	3.5	15.1
150	51	Smurfit	138	-2	5.3	3.8	18.4
72	30	Snia Viscosa	65	+1	..	..	..
44	19	Solicitors Law	23	..	..e	..	37.7
216	152	Spirax-Sarco	180	-8	18.1	10.1	11.2
84	23	Staffs Potts	68	-3	0.0e	..	..
119	84	Stag Furniture	84	-3	7.5	8.9	6.9
128	63	Stakis PLC	111	-6	3.5	3.2	15.4

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9-9¼%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9 Low 5

Week Fixed: 6½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	91/16	2 months	9 1/32
3 months	9 7/16	3 months	9 5/16

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	8½-8⅜	1 month	9⅛
2 months	9 1/16-9 1/32	2 months	9 11/16
3 months	9 7/16-9 5/16	3 months	10 1/16
6 months	9 13/16-9 11/16	6 months	10 5/32

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9⅛-8⅞	7 months	10½-10⅛
2 months	9⅞-9½	8 months	10½-10⅛
3 months	10¼-9⅞	9 months	10⅝-10½
4 months	10½-10⅛	10 months	10⅝-10½
5 months	10½-10⅛	11 months	10⅝-10½
6 months	10½-10⅛	12 months	10⅝-10½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	8 9/16-8 7/16	6 months	10 3/16-10 1/16
3 months	9½-9 7/16	12 months	10½-10⅜

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	7⅞	3 months	9⅜
7 days	8	6 months	10⅛
1 month	9⅛	1 year	10 5/16

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 6½ Close 10

1 week	7-6⅞	6 months	10⅛-10¼
1 month	8⅝-8 9/16	9 months	10⅝-10½
3 months	9¼-9⅛	12 months	10¾-10¼

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 9⅜ 6 months 10⅜

Finance House Base Rate 9%

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	May 30 (day's range)	May 30 (close)	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.3800-1.3875	$1.3845-1.3855	0.27-0.29c disc	0.75-0.78c disc
Montreal	$1.7875-1.7950	$1.7915-1.7925	0.29-0.37c disc	0.86-0.94c disc
Amsterdam	4.2500-4.2800fl	4.2650-4.2750fl	1¼-⅞c prem	3⅞-3½c prem
Brussels	76.90-77.50f	77.15-77.25f	18-23c disc	43-51c disc
Copenhagen	13.8600-13.9400k	13.9150-13.9250k	1¼-2¼ore disc	3½-4½ore disc
Frankfurt	3.7700-3.7950m	3.7850-3.7950m	1⅛-⅞pf prem	3½-3⅛pf prem
Lisbon	193.50-195.00e	194.00-194.50e	115-255esc disc	355-770esc disc
Madrid	212.00-213.25p	212.60-212.70p	125-150p disc	373-423p disc
Milan	2332.00-2342.00lr	2337.50-2339.50lr	11¼-13⅞lr disc	34-35½lr disc
Oslo	10.76-10.81k	10.78-10.79k	2¾-3⅞ore disc	7⅞-8⅞ore disc
Paris	11.5800-11.6600f	11.6225-11.6325f	3½-3⅞c disc	10¼-12¾c disc
Stockholm	11.1300-11.1950k	11.1850-11.1950k	1⅞-2⅞ore disc	3¾-4¾ore disc
Tokyo	319.50-321.50y	320.25-321.25y	⅞-⅞y prem	1⅞-1⅛y prem
Vienna	26.50-26.65sch	26.55-26.60sch	4¾-3⅞gro prem	19¾-15⅞gro prem
Zurich	3.1150-3.1400f	3.13-3.14f	1½-1⅛c prem	4½-4⅛c prem
Dublin	1.2315-1.2360p	1.2345-1.2355p	29-38p disc	53-69p disc

Effective exchange rate compared with 1975 was down 0.1 at 79.5.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.1190-1.1200
Singapore	2.1030-2.1045
Malaysia	2.3120-2.3135
Australia	0.8983-0.8988
Canada	1.2943-1.2948
Sweden	8.0750-8.0850
Norway	7.7775-7.7875
Denmark	10.0300-10.0430
West Germany	2.7330-2.7340
Switzerland	2.2600-2.2620
Netherlands	3.0820-3.0840
France	8.3975-8.4075
Japan	231.40-231.50
Italy	1689-1691
Belgium (Comm)	55.75-55.80
Hong Kong	7.8135-7.8155
Portugal	139.50-140.50
Spain	153.80-154.10
Austria	19.23-19.26

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.5397-1.5418
Bahrein	0.5185-0.5225
Finland	8.0085-8.0485
Greece	149.05-151.05
Hongkong	10.8210-10.8330
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4085-0.4105
Malaysia	3.2021-3.2066
Mexico	280-305
New Zealand	2.1389-1.1439
Saudi Arabia	4.8420-4.8830
Singpore	2.9126-2.9169
South Africa	1.7783-1.7813

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 10⅛-9⅞: seven days, 10 11/16-10 7/16: one month, 11 1/16-10 15/16: three months, 11 13/16-11 11/16: six months, 12 5/16-12 7/16.

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

RUBBER
Jun 718-80
Jul 730-05

Jan 2260-2257
Mar 2160-2155
May 2110-2100
Vol 3939

GAS OIL
May 255.00-48.75
Jun 249.50-49.25
Jly 251.00-50.75
Aug 262.75-52.50
Sep 254.73-54.25

LEAD
Cash 325.50-326.00
Three months 325.50m 326.00
T O. 13125
Tone Easier.

ZINC
Cash 780.00-790.00
Three months 690.00-691.20
T O 11275
Tone Steady.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Mnth	Vol	Setlmt
YEN		
Jun 84	99	4330
Sep 84	95	4369

Comment. Quiet.
STERLING

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 30.

GB: Cattle, 103.77p per kg lw (+1.74)

GB: Sheep, 167.58p per kg est d c w





FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Can't pay, won't pay – the new hard line

In any international debt crisis there is always the risk that debtor governments will move from the position where they insist they cannot meet their obligations, thereby inviting creditors to reschedule them, to a simple refusal to pay. Bolivia is the first debtor country to do so and Argentina may not be far behind. There appears to be a mood among Argentina's foreign bankers to reply "so be it". The lingering fear, behind this hard line is that Argentina may infect Brazil and if Brazil succumbs the system could slide into a financial morass, taking banks, illustrious and dull, with it.

The debt situation is by no means out of hand. But there is inevitably a question whether it is entirely within the grasp of the US Federal Reserve Board. In the pre-election presidential vacuum Mr Paul Volcker must feel occasionally that the weight of office is dragging him beyond the call of duty. That said, the Fed has made its problems worse, initially by taking too lenient a line with ill-managed American banks, and through the recent Continental Illinois episode, effectivaly pledging support for any bank that needs it.

To a Third World sovereign debtor plagued by the political and social repercussions of trying to satisfy creditor banks, there must now be a strong temptation to pass the buck to the Federal Reserve.

Too many (for comfort) of President Reagan's chickens are suddenly coming home to roost. The American overseas trade deficit rose to $12.19 billion in April from $10.26 billion in March. Compared with a year before the deficit is up a staggering 42.7 per cent. One reason is higher imports of petroleum – a sign that the Americans are taking the Middle East threat to oil shipments in deadly earnest.

The trade deficit is inevitafbly swelling the US balance of payments deficit, which in the fourth quarter of last year rose to $15.29 billion and might this year reach $100 billion. Lured by high interest rates and a strong dollar foreigners have been more than happy to finance this mounting deficit. At the end of 1983 US bank liabilities to foreigners rose $24,720m. To complete the picture US bank claims on foreigners were just short of half that amount. More to the point the claims on foreigners are some measure of the sovereign debt problem seen through the eyes of US bankers. The fraught link between the two figures is interest rates. They are high and rising in order to keep the money flowing into the US but plainly too high for the debtors to sustain.

The London stock market hardly needed the arrest of Mr Arthur Scargill to frighten it into headlong retreat. But the City finds the spectre of violence more terrifying than any other single factor, not excluding collapsing banks, higher interest rates and a deteriorating money supply.

Small shareholders rock the boat

Nothing succeeds like excess, as Oscar Wilde remarked. European Ferries has discovered this to its cost, as it tries to alter the terms of its cross-Channel perk for shareholders. The huge success of the scheme has made it an administrative nightmare.

The detailed scheme of arrangement, plus the proxies, land on shareholders' mats this morning. It proposes turning the perk shares into Preference shares, leaving full voting rights for the dowdy institutions. Their cash call, perhaps, comes a little later. European Ferries is paying a cool million to change the articles of association, one measure of its keenness to change the scheme. Answers in well before the three special meetings on Friday, June 22, please.

Like the riots in the 18th century over the change in calendar ("Give us back our 14 days"), European Ferries maintains that nobody loses and everybody gains if the scheme goes through.

But if the scheme is tossed out, then the Group itself could, on paper, start looking a trifle vulnerable. Its 44 per cent stake in the cross-Channel ferry business is no goldmine, and the taboo on it, bidding for a further 38 per cent, in the shape of Sealink, may be a major blow. If another determined new entrant buys Sealink, then Euroferries will face fierce competition from another quarter, while trying to placate small shareholders seething angrily at the prospect of losing their travel discounts.

No wonder therefore that the velvet hands of Warburg masterminding the operation are also clutching a big stick. If shareholders do reject the scheme, then European Ferries will either scrap the scheme altogether, or trim it back drastically. "A vote against the scheme is a vote against the concession itself", as they say now.

GRE ready to blaze a trail

Guardian Royal Exchange, Britain's second largest motor insurer, also with long-term life assets of nearly £3 billion, is ready to beat a path for the insurance industry in the riotous jungle of financial services. Yesterday Mr Tim Collins, chairman of GRE, told shareholders: "The speed of change around us will, we expect, increase more rapidly in the future and it may therefore be although we have no specific plans at present that we wish to become associated at some time with other organizations who are properly qualified to work in association with us in compatible areas of activity."

GRE has already set in train the restructuring of its activities which is necessary to make this sort of association work and will soon announce the creation of a new holding company which will make it possible to split the insurance business from other financial services activities, like banking, which are subject to different controls. GRE's reasoning is that its life business automatically pushes it into the savings market and from there it is only a small jump for instance, to becoming a banker and lending mortgage cash to housebuyers.

Having signalled that it intends to expand into other areas of the financial services industry, speculation will now begin about the type of link which would best suit GRE. Top of the list would be a closer association with a bank. Here GRE is well briefed, with Mr Charles Hambro, the deputy chairman of Hambros, the merchant bank, on the board (a closer link between these two institutions is however a non-starter).

Whichever target is identified, GRE could find itself in stiff competition with other insurers who are waking up to the idea of expanding into new fields. BAT Industries has yet to announce its plans in the financial services field following the Eagle Star acquisition, while the Prudential has also been restructured to form a holding company as proposed by GRE.

Bolivia halts interest payments on $3.5 billion debt to banks

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Bolivia, one of Latin America's smallest borrowers, yesterday injected further uncertainty into the international banking market by calling a temporary halt on all its foreign debt payments to private banks.

The move was taken in response to pressure from the trade union federation COB which has been fighting the economic austerity measure imposed by the government in an attempt to reach agreement with the International Monetary Fund on a $300m loan and reschedule debts owed to commercial banks.

Last month, Bolivia stopped payments of principal to the banks, but Bolivian officials said in La Paz that the latest moratorium covered interest as well. Although other big debtors hav slipped well behind with interest payments, this is believed to be first time in the recent round of debt reschedulings that a country has formally called a halt to interest payments.

However, a government spokesman said Bolivia would still make debt repayments to international lending agencies up to a maximum of 25 per cent of export earnings.

The Bolivian announcement temporarily knocked the dollar on the foreign exchange markets yesterday. And with financial markets nervous about the state of the US banking industry, it had much greater impact than its economic significance warrants.

Bolivia's external debts, including private sector borrowing, are variously put at about $3.5 billion (£2.5 billion) – less than a tenth of the $44 billion owed by Argentina and compared with about $90 billion owed by Mexico and Brazil.

Bolivian public sector debt at June 1983

Contracted	Balance outstanding
$4.4 billion	$2.8 billion

Source: Banco Central de Bolivia

However, the plight of Bolivia may strengthen the determination of the big Latin American borrowers to press for measures to ease the region's $340 billion debt burden. Latin American borrowers are due to meet again to discuss this next month.

Bolivia's attempts to adjust its economy in line with the requirements on the IMF have led to growing social tensions and pressures and commercial banks headed by Bank of America have held back from rescheduling about $460m due to banks this year until there is progress with the IMF.

A Bank of America spokesman said yesterday it had not been officially informed about the payments halt by the Bolivian government and was seeking clarification.

The amount owed to commercial banks is thought to be between $660m and $1 billion of which British banks are owed about $150m and American banks about $350m. Inflation in Bolivia was officially running at more than 400 per cent at the last count, but economists say it is probably considerably higher. Its foreign exchange reserves are said to have been wiped out

Argentina, which has been the main worry for international bankers recently, has repeated that it soon expects to reach agreement with the International Monetary Fund on an economic programme.

Senor German Lopez, secretary-general of the presidency said agreement on a letter of intent would be reached before the Latin American debotors' meeting next month.

Dow slumps below 1,100

The Wall Street stock market moved into new low ground for the year last night. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 8.5 to below 1,093 at one stage, the lowest since February last year. This took it below the theoretical support level of 1,100.

Falls exceeded gains by about three to one, on moderate volume. Before the market opened, the US administration revealed an April trade deficit of £8.8 billion.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1026.6 down 29.5 (day's high: 1052.3 low: 1026.2)
FT Index: 803.4 down 22.8
FT Gilts: 77.86 down 0.34
Bargains: 17,802
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 101.22 down 5.35
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1088.79 down 12.45
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,140.9 down 23.00
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 928.60 up 5.57 Amsterdam: 167.6 down 4.1

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.3850 down 10pts
Index 79.5 down 0.1
DM 3.79 up 0.0025
FrF 11.6275 up 0.0275
Yen 320.75 down 0.50
Dollar
Index 131.0 down 0.3
DM 2.7365

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling $1.3865
Dollar DM 2.7345

INTERNATIONAL

ECU £0.592081
SDR £0.752996

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9, 9¼
Finance houses base rate 9
Discount market loans week fixed 6½
3 month interbank 9¾ - 9⅝

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11 13/16 - 11 11/16
3 month DM 6 - 5⅞
3 month Fr F13-13⅞ - 13⅝

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.50
Fed funds 10 11/16
Treasury long bond 95 11/16 - 95 5/32

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period from April 4 to May 1, 1984, inclusive: 8.934 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $384.75 pm $386.40
close $385.25 - $385.75 (£278.75 - £279.25)
New York (latest): $385.75
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$397-398.50 (£287.25 £288.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$90-50 - $91.50 (£65.50 - £66.25)
*Excludes VAT

Sir Nicholas: market must respond to change.

Rebel SE firms set to lobby minister

By Our City Staff

Stock Exchange firms battling to slow the rate of change in market rules which could damage their business are considering a direct approach to Mr Alex Fletcher, minister for corporate and consumer affairs. He is the most vociferous government voice on changes.

The seven-man steering committee representino 78 small and medium sized broking firms met yesterday to consider strategy. The group has failed to persuade the Stock Exchange to allow an extra two months for discussion of its conkulative green paper. The deadline closes tonight.

But the Exchange has agreed that a member up for election to the policy-making stock exchange council next month will also be identified by having the name of his firm on the ballot paper.

The rebels feel this will make those sympathetic to their cause much easier to identify when the 4,000 or so members (about half in London) cast their votes.

The committee is planning a further meeting of all firms next Monday, the eve of the Stock Exchange annual meeting.

However, it is unlikely that it will inspire heated debate on the vexed issue of single versus dual capacity if the chairman, Sir Nicholas Goodison so rules. Instead, questions may well be put about relating to Professor Jim Gower's *Review of Investor Protection*.

It is argued in some parts of the exchange that a system of dual capacity would introduce more potential conflicts of interest.

Meanwhile, about 200 members attended a meeting held on the floor of the Stock Exchange last night. They were addressed by Sir Nicholas, who reiterated the council's view that single capacity could not be maintained, and that the market had to respond to the speed of change elsewhere.

Many worried questions were asked. Some members were concerned that the council might be looking after the interests of the larger firms to the detriment of the smaller. Sir Nicholas denied that there was any conflict of interest.

Granada pays £120m for Rediffusion

By Ian Griffiths

British Electric Traction is selling its Rediffusion television rental business to the Granada Group for £120m. At the same time it is launching a £167m bid to increase its 40 per cent stake in Initial, the laundry and cleaning company to 100 per cent.

The combined business would take about 19 per cent of the television rental market, still some way behind Thorn EMI's 31 per cent share. It would have 850 stores, although about 100 would be closed after the merger, which with phasing out of Rediffusion's head office would result in the loss of about 700 jobs.

Had the television rental operations been merged for the year to March 31 1984 they would have produced profits before interest and tax of £37m. Under the terms of the sale agreement BET will be entitled to 20 per cent of the profits in excess in £45m over the next four years.

Granada has also agreed to buy 238,000 television sets from BET in the 18 months tob October 1 1985 and thereafter 65 per cent of its television requirements providing the products are competitve in terms of price and technology. Rediffusion took all its television sets from BET and the annual demand from the new business will be about 250,000 sets.

The proposed merger must be approved by both sets of shareholders and is conditional on it not being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Mr Alex Bernstein, chairman of Granada, was confident that the deal would not be held up by the Office of Fair Trading.

Granada is financing the purchase with the issue of 78.2 million new ordinary shares, which are being placed at 155p. Existing shareholders will be given the chance to apply for not less than half of the shares placed at 155p and Granada is also enfranchising its limited voting "A" shares to allow the same one share one vote principle which applies to the ordinary shares.

BET's bid for the remaining stake in Initial will be a combination of £16 cash plus four BET deferred ordinary shares for every five Initial shares. It is conditional on the sale of Rediffusion's television rentals interests to Granada going through.

Granada yesterday unveiled its results for the 28 weeks to April 14, 1984. Pretax profits rose from £21m to £24m

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Dee bids £232m for Booker

By Philip Robinson

Alec Monk's Dee Corporation, the former Linfood group which bought 106 Keymarket stores last year, yesterday launched a £232.5m takeover bid for Booker McConnell, one of Britain's largest conglomerates.

Mr Michael Caine, chairman of Booker, which this year reported a 30 per cent jump in profits, urged shareholders to take no action on this "unsolicited bid".

Dee Corporation is offering three of its shares plus 400p worth of 10 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1999/2001 for every 10 shares of Booker McConnell. With Dee's price 10p lower at 473p last night, these value Booker shares at 182p compared with a market price up 43p at 172p. Net assets per share are 104p.

Full acceptance of the offer would involve the issue of £50m worth of loan stock and 38 million new Dee shares.

Dee is forecasting that pretax profits for the year to April 28 will be as least £28m. It says that earnings per share are estimated to have increased by at least 55 per cent to not less than 40p. The directors will be recommending a final dividend of at least 12p, a share, making a total of at least 19p.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Air Florida fights for survival

Talks were continuing yesterday to try to secure the future of Air Florida, the Miami airline which specializes in cross-Atlantic flights.

The airline, which has debts of more than $100m (£72m), has been excluded form the US Airlines clearing house system, owing it more than $2m.

Air Florida's management has been negotiating with General Electric Credit for new finance since the weekend.

● SMITH BROTHERS is planning to pay a final dividend of 4p, making 5p (3p) for the year to April 27, 1984. Pretax profits were £5.1m. (£3.5m).

Tempus, page 22

● FIRST QUARTER figures from International Thomson Organisation, for the three months to March 31, show trading profits up from £13m to £18m. Earnings were 9.2p (5.6p). Tempus, page 22

● INTERIM FIGURES from MEPC for the six months to March 31, show pretax profits up from £19.1m to £21.8m. After earnings up from 5.2p to 6.6p, the dividend rises from 2p to 2.5p. Tempus, page 22

● BRITOIL brought its Beatrice B platform in the Moray Firth into production yesterday. Oil from the field will initially be produced at 5,000 barrels a day, rising eventually to an average of 50,000 barrels a day.

● BRITISH AIRTOURS, the charter subsidary of British Airways, yesterday announced unaudited profits of £7m, a 17 per cent increase on 1982.

Stamp duty clampdown

The Inland Revenue has moved to clamp down on stamp-duty avoidance schemes, but has denied using the principles set out in the Furniss v Dawson tax case as a basis.

According to the trade magazine *Accountancy Age* the Revenue's stamp office has sent out 2,000 assessments in the last month aimed at collecting duty of around £5m. The assessments relate to schemes which involved property purchases using agreement-to-lease arrangements which result in only a minimal liability to stamp duty.

A spokesman for the Revenue denied that letters accompanying the assessments were attempting to use the Furniss v Dawson doctrine, which embodied the principle of examining the substance rather than legal form of a transaction. He said the duty was being assessed on the basis of a stamp duty case decided in 1893.

Airbus and 146 jet production 'must continue'

BAe lays down merger terms

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of British Aerospace, currently the subject of takeover speculation, stressed yesterday that continuation of the company's interest in civil aircraft would be a firm condition of any sale or merger.

BAe, whose strength is its profitable defence equipment business (products include the Harrier and Jaguar fighters and Rapier Missiles) is being wooed by Thorn EMI with other suitors, notably GEC, waiting in the wings.

The Government, which owns 48.43 per cent of BAe, had already made clear that it will not block a merger but would require an undertaking that the company's involvement in the European Airbus Industrie consortium would be maintained.

Sir Austin disclosed yesterday that the future of the entire civil side of the company had come under scrutiny during the initial merger talks. In particular, he said, the continuation of the BAe 146 – the increasingly successful four-engine commuter jet – would be "a condition of the future."

Sir Austin was speaking at the Hatfield, Hertfordshire, factory after handing over the first of 20 146-200 aircraft ordered by Pacific Southwest Airlines of San Diego, California. The order, worth £200m, is the largest won by the British aircraft industry for more than 20 years, exceeded only by the order for 30 British Aircraft Corporation 1-11 jets placed by American Airlines in the early 1960s.

The PSA order, said Sir Austin, was a significant indication that the US domestic airlines were emerging from recession and were looking for the best available new equipment to begin expanding again.

Thirty-six firm orders and 45 options have new been received for the 100-seat 146, described by BA as the quietest jet in the world. Customers include Dan Air, the RAF and Air Wisconsin, with one of the most significant being Ansett of Australia. BA needs to sell between 175 and 200 copies to break even on the project.

The 146 is about 50 per cent British, with BA's risk-sharing partners, Avco Lycoming of the US (engines, wings, furnishings and avionics) and Saab of Sweden (tailplane) providing the remainder of the components.

Sir Austin spoke out yesterday against critics of the 146 programme. The company had been confident that once airlines' finances improved, orders would follow

The 146 had been demonstrated to 36 airlines in the US, he said, and many were now in active discussions. The company had expected the project, begun in 1978, to break even after 12 years "but the way things are going at the moment we are going to beat that."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Institutions take profit as £4.6bn is wiped off share values

By Derek Pain and Michael Clark

A barrage of institutional selling demoralized share markets yesterday. After a hesitant opening prices suddenly wilted in mid-morning trade when major lines of stock came on offer as a number of large investors decided the time was ripe to realize what was left of the profits they had amassed during the now seemingly distant run which took shares to new peaks.

Transatlantic influences were again strong. Wall Street's continuing weakness and worries about the financial health of certain United States banks (the Bolivian decision to suspend debt repayments was hardly calculated to inspire confidence) made the market tense and nervous. With the Americans announcing a record trade deficit, just one day after our own similar dismal achievement, the transatlantic gloom was overwhelming. The miners' strike, heightened by the Scargill arrest, and higher United Kingdom interest rate fears were mere adjuncts to the despair.

At the close the FT 30 share index was at its lowest level of the day – 803.4 points, down 22.8. This is the second biggest losing fall since the index started beating last week's and only just less then the record 1974 slump.

The FT Index has now collapsed almost 120 points since it hit its peak early this month.

Yesterday's bloodbath wiped more than £4.660m off stock market values, in cash terms the biggest one-day fall yet. Since the FT Index hit its peak more than £19,000m, Datastream calculates, has been cut from share values.

Gilts were under the whip. There were falls of up to £⅝ with the losses stretching as yhe day progressed.

Even golds, those traditional havens at times of financial stress and strain, failed to perform their normal comforting role. The bullion price was a hare lower and gold shares presented a dull picture.

Among one major line of stocks to go through the market were 2.5 million **Woolworth Holding** shares, held by **Charterhouse J Rothschild**. CJR retains a stake which, if option and conversion rights are exercised, could amount to 6.3 per cent of the enlarged Woolworth's capital.

The financial group says it has sold because the advance of the Woolworth's share price means that the stores chain represented a "disproportionately large" part of its investments. The share were sold to institutional investors by bankers Morgan Grenfell and stockbrokers Rowe and Pitman.

Woolworth's shares suffered a 17p fall to 453p. But the stores group was by no means out of step. The market was so deeply shrouded in gloom that there was hardly a gain in sight and even bargain hunters failed to make their late trading appearance.

Falls were heavy throughout the list. Shares which were not directly afflicted by selling bouts were quickly marked down as stockjobbers sought precautionary moves.

There has been talk that after last week's shakeout the market would meander within an 830-800 range. But there is now little chance that the 800 mark will be held. In fact, unless new time buying buoys the market, the *FT* index is likely to fall below the 800-level today.

Hill Woolgar, the licensed dealer running an over-the-counter market in the shares of eight companies, is on the verge of raising £3m through a share placing, mainly among institutional investors. The current over-the-counter share price is 160p but the placing level has still to be fixed. The cash-raising exercise will be followed by a USM presence, probably in October.

Henlys, the troubled garage group, slipped just 1p to 119p after Coleman Milne, the Michael Ashcroft company going into his new Canadian group, disclosed it had increased its shareholding to 28.2 per cent.

Biggest shareholder is the Bank of Scotland which has just under 30 per cent of the capital. There have been suggestions that the bank is prepared to sell its shareholding, leaving the way clear for Coleman Milne, which has been steadily increasing its Henlys stake, to make a bid for full control. But if an offer does materialize it could be that Coleman Milne will seek to retain the Henlys share quote.

Dealers are bracing themselves for some disappointing money supply figures next week and some are predicting this could signal an extra one per cent of base rates. Another early shake-out in the US bond market, coupled with renewed selling on Wall Street also did little to help sentiment in the banking sector which has been having a bad time lately. Further nervous selling among the high street banks produced double figure falls with **National Westminster** down 20p at 574p, **Barclays Bank** 20p at 447p, **Lloyds Bank** 10p at 517p and **Midland Bank** 20p at 319p. **Bank of Scotland** closed 8p lower at 314p with **Royal Bank of Scotland** losing 8p at 202p.

The discount houses reflected the uncertainty in the gilts market, with every share in the sector marked lower. **Cater Allen Holdings** lost 15p to 458p, **Clive Discount** 1p to 52p, **Gerrard & National** 8p to 289p, **Jessel Toynbee**, currently the target of a bid from Mercantile House, 3p to 87p, **King & Shaxson** 3p to 157p, **Seccombe Marshall** 2p to 323p, **Smith St Aubyn** 2p to 59p, and **Union Discount** 25p to 698p.

Among the insurance composites shares of Guardian Royal Exchange dipped 5p to 541p despite assurances from the chairman to shareholders at the annual meeting that the group had made a profit during the first quarter. He also expressed the view that the shares remained cheap over the long term, but admitted that they were hardly being bought for their recovery potential.

Commercial Union slipped 8p to 189p, **General Accident** 7p to 431p, **London United Investments** 2p to 203p, **Minster Assets** 3p to 125p, **Phoenix**

Amid yesterday's gloom, Turner & Newall shares slipped another 3p to 80p – just 7p short of the low – despite a growing confidence that the group's profits recovery is still on course. Word in the market suggests profits for the current year could be nearly double 1983's £20.3m compared with a best-ever £45m in 1977. It looks as though the cheap buyers could soon start beginning to bite.

Assurance 19p to 413p, **Royal Insurance** 8p to 538p and **Sun Alliance** a similar amount to 346p.

The insurance brokers fared little better. **C. E. Heath** lost 11p to 415p, **Hogg Robinson** 6p to 171p, **Minet Holdings** 3p to 146p, **Sedgwick Group** 5p to 233p, **Stewart Wrighton** 6p to 355p and **Willis Faber** 12p to 819p.

The long-signalled takeover bid for **Booker McConnell** lifted the shares 16p to 145p. **Alfred Dunhill**, the tobacco group controlled by **Rothmans International** was another, thanks to better-than-expected figures, to shrug off the despair and eged ahead 5p to 338p. At one time they hit 653p.

Elsewhere Reed International fell 24p to 384p on the slump in **Mirror Group Newspapers** profits ahead of the share flotation. **International traders Inchape**, besides the market trend, had the added disadvantage of contending with Tuesday's figures and property writedown. The shares lost 20p to 322p.

British Areospace, recently strong on takeover hopes, dived 12p to 320p and **Granada** slipped 11p to 163p on its move to buy the **Rediffusion Television** rental business from **BET**, up 3p at 253p.

London & Continental Advertising Holdings, is set to become Britain's biggest outdoor poster advertising group with the acquisition of London & Provincial Poster from Reed International. The purchase price of £19m will be satisfied by a large placing of shares followed by a capital reorganization and a move from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing. The shares are currently suspended at 41p.

Still overshadowed by the uncertainties of tax relief for private pensions life insurance companies continued to lose ground. **Britannic** tumbled 10p to 448p, **Equity & Law** 3p to 133p, **Hambro Life** 7p to 366p, **Legal & General** 13p to 420p, **London & Manchester** 7p to 486p, **Pearl Assurance** 20p to 724p, **Prudential Corp** 12p to 433p, **Refuge Assurance** 10p to 423p and **Sun Life Assurance** 10p to 553p.

Oil shares encountered selective support early on reflecting the fighting in the Gulf, but failed to hold their best levels of the day as the rout in the rest of the market gathered pace. **BP** lost 22p to 23p to 483p, **Shell** 20p to 663p, **Ultramar** 20p to 579p, **London & Scottish Marine Oil** 15p to 290p, **Tricentrol** 7p to 198p, **Britoil** 13p to 231p, and **Burmah** 6p to 168p. Among the second liners **Carless Capel** slipped 5p to 218p.

Phoenix weather losses worsen

By Andrew Cornelius

Phoenix Assurance yesterday followed Royal Insurance and Commercial Union in reporting worsening underwriting losses after paying out on expensive weather claims in Britain and the Irish Republic. Group underwriting losses reached £19.4m for the first quarter against £14.9m at the same stage last year.

British and Irish weather claims were £3m higher than last year, contributing to an increased loss of £9.6m of the fire and accident account against £7.3m.

Bad weather also contributed to American underwriting losses of £4.1m, up by £500,000 on last year, and in Canada where last year's small profit was turned into a £2.1m loss.

Group pretax profits were more than halved from £5.6m to £2.4m.

Phoenix said that, disregarding the weather, there are indications that measures taken to improve the company's underwriting are having a modest but encouraging effect on results.

Group premium income was down slightly from £33m to £129m, while investment income increased from £18.9m to £19.6m.

New life business increased from £964m to £1,333.7m ahead of the withdrawal of tax relief on life premiums in the Budget.

● **GLOBE INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final 5.25p makins 9p (8.3p) for year to March 31, 1984. Payable on July 27. Figures in £000. Gross investment trust earnings 27,312 (25,781). Gross subsidiary companies' earnings 1,497 (1,121) Pretax group earnings 23,371 (20,741) including subsidiary companies 1,016 (622) tax 8,286 (7,498). Minorities credit 54 (cdt 234). Earnings per share basic 9.24p (8,23p) and fully diluted 9.05p (8.1p) Shares 225p up 2p.

● **QUEENSLAND:** The State Electricity Commission of Queensland signed credit agreements on May 2, for the issue during a 15-year period of up to $60 short term Euronotes.

● **BUNZL:** The chairman said that the company's distribution and merchanting activities world-wide were experiencing buoyant market conditions and overall the good start to the year, mentioned in his statement to shareholders, was continuing with profits after four months substantially ahead of the corresponding period of 1983. Shares 498p down 7p.

TEMPUS

Granada adjusts its hold on TV rentals

Granada's agreement to buy the Redifussion television rentals business from BET gives the impression at first glance that somebody has made a big mistake. If it is such a good business why is BET selling, and if the television rental industry is in such dire straits why is Granada buying?

The answer lies in the time-honoured argument of economies of scale. As two separate enterprises of roughly equal size, both Granada and Redifussion were struggling to make progress on television and video rentals. Granada has about 11 per cent of the market and Rediffusion 8 per cent, with a combined total of 850 stores. Margins were squeezed, depreciation and interest charges high and customer density under pressure.

If the merger is approved it will allow Granada to make instant savings on overheads both by reducing the number of stores and cutting central management costs. The all-important customer density should increase, leaving the company free to improve margins. The television rental cycle dictates that depreciation and interest charges should fall substantially this year and by 1985-86 the new business should exceed the £45m profits figure above which BET is entitled to a 20 per cent share.

Rediffusion will bring an immediate cash inflow to Granada's existing operations which, coupled with the short-term benefits, will allow it to prepare for the long-term future of the television rental industry.

The importance of the rental business to Granada is clearly demonstrated in the interim results published yesterday. More than 60 per cent of the £24m pretax profits came from rentals and this will increase to more than 70 per cent after the merger.

Granada's share price dipped 9p yesteday to 163p. BET ended 3p better at 253p, having been to 260p at one stage.

International Thomson

The market has had a fine old time, hacking away at the International Thomson share-price at 785p it has lost about 85p since the slide began, perhaps because ITO's North American interests leave the group exposed, in stock market eyes, on both sides of the Atlantic.

Yesterday's first-quarter figures however, are reassuring. The earnings rise from £5.6m to £9.2 stems from a successful squeeze in costs at Thomson Regional (though there are still problems here), a sharp recovery in the North American publishing and travel interests, including a $7m upturn on the travel side, and a useful boost from lighter corporation tax.

Spring has also come early this year. Travel bookings are booming, and the North Sea is still pumping out OT profits. Brokers' estimates of a tenfold rese on the first quarter to £90m for the full year may not be wide of the mark.

After purchasing a brace of airliners, Thomson still has gross cash in the balance sheet of £60m – plus, which should rise to around £85m when the Reuters' flotation takes place and Thomson sells its stake.

The counterpart to Thomson's tighter internal cost control is its desire to make substantial acquisitions in the US. No action currently is planned, but stratospheric exit multiples are falling as Wall Street weakens. With cash in the bank and huge unused credit lines, Thomson can afford to allow the "new men", Mr Michael Brown and Mr James Evans, time to ponder before pouncing. It is a good moment for Mr Gordon Brunton to retire after 23 varied, and occasionally punishing, years.

Smith Brothers

Smith Brothers is certainly up among the leaders in equity jobbing, and hence stood to gain handsomely from 1983's share boom in London. A 45 per cent gain in pre-tax profit to a record £5.1m compares with a volume advance in total equity business of a fifth. Plainly that invisible asset, in-house expertise, was much to the fore last year.

Smith also insists that it owes much to the Rothschild connexion, not only, presumably, in the access to longer credit lines, but also because of the higher quality business shown to the jobber. Broker-dealer links live and are profitable.

The implicit improvement in Smith's quality of earnings should continue in the next few months, as Smith moves closer to the Rothschild centre. The planned move to St Swithin's Lane, opposite the bank, is a geographical metaphor for NMR's plan to increase its stake, at least to 51 per cent from 29.9 per cent, stock market rules permitting.

Reversing the equation, Rothschild is poised to become the most powerful equity jobber in London, making Smith shares a cheap way into the merchant bank. And if gold continues to move ahead as share prices tumble, Smith's heavy book in Kaffirs will make profitable reading.

The shares, down 5p at 95p, could be a safe hedge against a bullion price explosion.

MEPC

On a bad day in the market, interim figures from MEPC, Britain's second largest property company, are bound to be overlooked. Yet the group exudes a cathedral-like stability amind the shouts and huzzahs elsewhere.

Despite a soft lettings market in Dallas, scene of the bulk of the US portfolio, and sluggish demand for British commercial property – 60 per cent of the total portfolio – investment income is ahead about £2m, after some attractive reversions; only about 2 per cent of the UK portfolio is unlet. The development programme for the mid-1980s looks fairly secure now that MEPC has clinched a deal on its attractive Reading site, and secured the Leamington Spa town centre development contract.

In Australia, purchase of 49 per cent of the quoted unit trust ASC, will enable the group to expand its property interests without falling foul of existing legislation.

A jump in investment income of £0.4m to £6.2m reflects some £80m on deposit. A hall mark of the group's quality approach can be glimpsed through the £70m debenture issue, worth 40 years, issued in January.

On an effective coupon of just over 11 per cent, the deal now looks cheap, as interest rate fears grow. At 262p, the shares fell some 8p on the day. But with a net asset value of over 400p, and the chart price relative pattern describing an intriguing double pattern, the shares have a solidly defensive look.

MONEY MARKETS

Period rates at the longer end continued to rise on the expectation of higher base rates yesterday.

Poor trade figures added to the market's worries, though most operators felt that banks would wait to see the money supply figures next Tuesday before making any move.

In the meantime, nearby money stayed cheap, bringing the short dates down a little more.

Interbank, overnight money traded at about 6½ to 6¼ per cent for much of the session although in a tight finish, money changed hands as high as 10 per cent.

Dollar rates firmed initially behind the federal funds rate, and later pushed higher on the back of the record United States trade deficit.

Day-to-day credit conditions remained comfortable for the most part, with the Bank of England again indicating a "flat" position from the outset.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Foreign exchange markets were thin and erratic yesterday ahead of the Continent's Ascension Day holiday.

The bigger than expected United Trade deficit, coming on top of the Bolivian debt problem, brought some European selling of dollars; but there was a swift recovery as New York came in as a buyer.

The mark was pushed to about £2.74 and sterling to £1.3820, but there was no conviction in the movement against the dollar and sterling closed at £1.3850, down 10 points on the overnight level. The mark recovered to $2.7335.

Against the German currency the pound closed at 3.79 against 3.7875 overnight.

Dealers also had to weigh up the various pushes and pulls of record trade deficits in Britain and United States; the Middle East tensions; the miners' strike, the continued German labour problems and the uncertainty over Bolivian debts.



Dunhill dividend up as profits double

Pre-tax profits of Dunhill Holdings more than doubled for the year to last March. The group said yesterday that the growth of the new Dunhill fashion and accessary business has contributed strongly to the improved results.

Shareholders get a 2p increase in the total dividend at 14 and four new shares free for every one already held. Pretax profits rose from £5.9m to £11.1m on a turnover ahead from £80.3m to £93.6m. The group's net cash position for the year rose from £4m to £11m.

Dunhill said yesterday that the reorganization of the central management of the Dunhill business had proved "outstandingly successful. Action is now being taken to strengthen the Montblanc brand name, a leader in the world pen market, and also to reorganize the business for the future expansion.

The shares jumped 20p to 653p before easing to be 5p better on the day at 638p.

In brief

● **CAMINDEX MINES:** Three months to March 31, 1984. Figures in Canadian dollars, net loss for period 44.967 (5.538) deficit end of period 3.164,587 (3.057,025). Net loss per share 0.6 cents (0.1 cents).

● **JEFFERSON SMURFIT GROUP:** South West Forest Industrial Inc. reports that Jefferson Smurfit group has an interest in discussing a possible transaction involving the company. Jefferson Smurfit has recently acquired approximately 9 per cent of the company's outstanding common shares.

● **EDENSPRING INVESTMENTS:** Turnover £5,747.020 for period from January 19, 1983 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 1983. Loss on ordingary activities £380,537. Tax nil. Extraordinary loss £1,426,876, making loss for period £1.807,413. Figures included trading losses for six months of Oric Products International which was acquired in November 1983.

● **HARDANGER PROPERTIES:** Six months to March 31, 1984. Interim dividend 2.8p, payable on July 2. Figs was in £000. Turnover 1,545 (1,440). Pretax profit 305 (169). Tax 152 (88). Earnings per share 2.88p (1.53p). The chariman says that the results are very encouraging.

● **LEEDS GROUP:** Interim 1.75p (1.5p), payable on July 2. Figures in £000. Turnover 5,098 (4,293) for six months to March 31, 1984. Pretax profit 637 (509) after depreciation 254 (202). Tax 250 (100). Earning per share 6.2p (6.6p).

● **OVENSTONE INVESTMENTS:** The boards of Ovenstone Investments (Oil) and Diroyal Invs (Diroyal), after discussion with the controlling shareholders of oil and certain major shareholders of Diroyal, have agreed to merge all the business activities of Oil and Diroyal in Diroyal.

● **MIM STAKE:** Mim Holdings has bought 500,000 B shares in Teck Corp. From Metallgesellschaft with an option to buy another 500,000. The purchase, worth about C$5m is equal to about 1.75 per cent. The chairman, Mr Bruce Watson, said the investment was consistent with Mim's strategy of broadening its interests.

● **HUDSON'S BAY CO:** Quarterly dividend 15 cents (same), payable on July, 31. Loss before extraordinary items of $c62.3 or $c2.85 per ordinary share for three months ended April 30, 1984 (loss $c51.1m or $c2.36 for same period last year). Loss on a pre-tax basis was $c58.7m ($c66.5m). Tax Debit $c3.5m (credit $c15.5). Sales and revenue were $c1.008m ($c894m).

● **WETTERN BROS:** No final dividend (nil) for 1983. Figures in £000. Turnover 5,442 (6,672). Group trading profit 133)83). Interest payable 43 (55). Pretax profit 90 (28). Tax nil (5). Extraordinary debit 42 (30). Earning per share 5.2p (1.8p).

● **CHAPMAN INDUSTRIES:** Final 5.8p making 8p (7.5p) for the year to March 31, 1984. Figures in £000. Turnover 15,872 (13,660). Pretax profit 823 (629). After net interest 105 (120).

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9¼%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9¼%
Citibank NA	9¼%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%; £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

Swire Pacific Limited and Swire Properties Limited

Proposals for Swire Pacific Limited to acquire the minority interests in Swire Properties Limited

The Board of Swire Properties announces that the Scheme document has been posted today to shareholders; it contains details of the proposals including forecasts of the profits and dividends of Swire Properties Limited and of Swire Pacific Limited for the year ending 31st December 1984, together with valuations of the Swire Properties Group's properties.

The Board of Swire Pacific Limited announces that a copy of the Scheme document and an explanatory circular have also been posted today to the shareholders of Swire Pacific Limited.

Meetings of the shareholders of each company have been convened for 25th June 1984.

Swire Properties Limited **Swire Pacific Limited**

Hong Kong, 28th May, 1984.

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Group's strong financial position

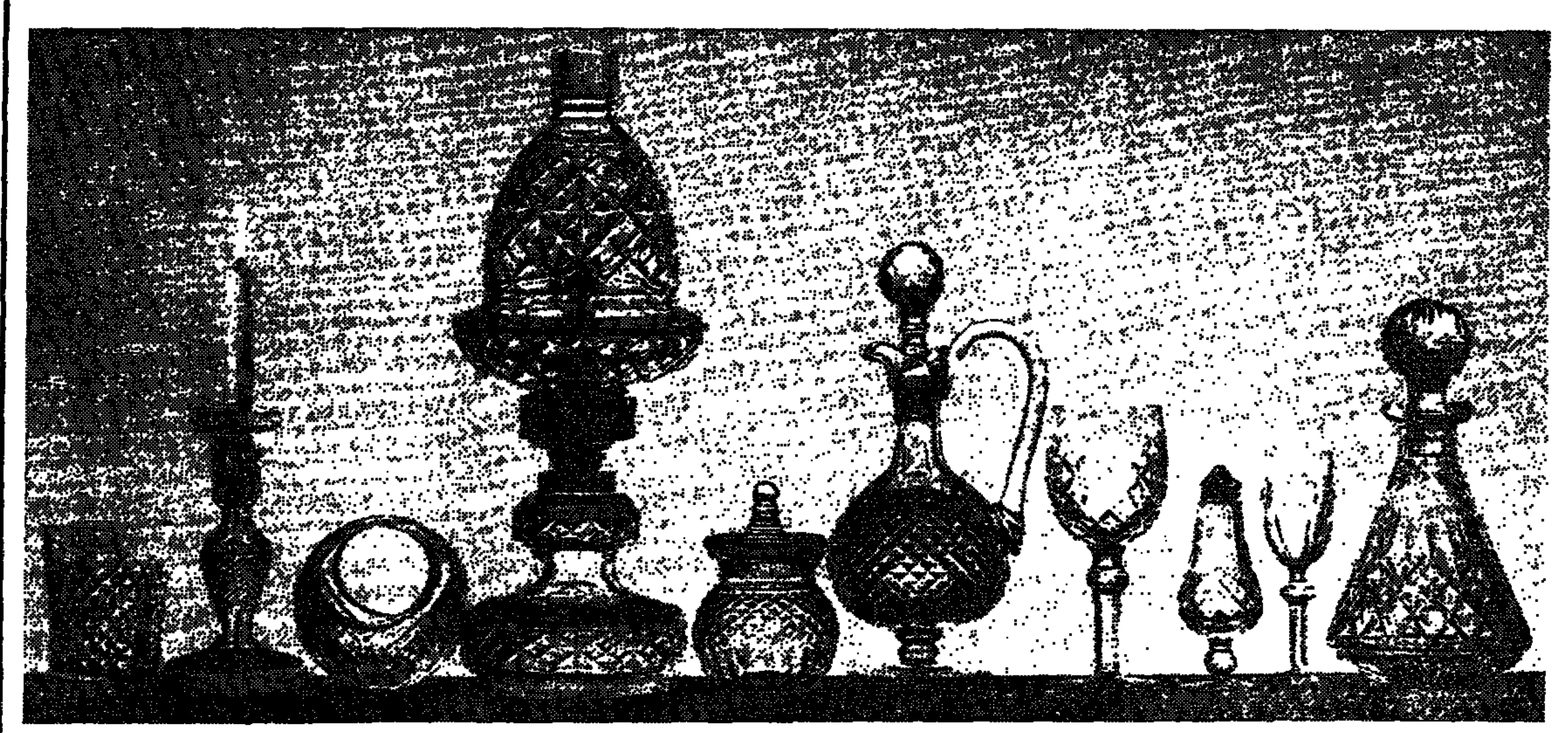
"The results for the year reflect the group's strong financial position and its wide range of activities throughout the food industry." *Garry Weston, Chairman*

Salient features from the Report and Accounts 1984

* Shareholding in The Premier Group of South Africa sold for £206 million.
* Profit on the sale of Premier £103.3 million (included in Extraordinary items).
* Net borrowings reduced by £173 million to £20.5 million.
* Shareholders' Funds increased by £158 million to £786 million, representing 91 per cent of net assets (1983: 70 per cent).
* Dividend up 17 per cent – total for year 5p per share on increased share capital.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	1984 £million	1983 £million
Turnover – excluding Premier Group	2,764.7	2,479.0
Group profit – excluding Premier Group	90.6	90.1
Investment income	23.7	4.5
Profit of Premier Group	12.4	51.9
Profit before Tax	126.7	146.5
Tax and minority interests	42.2	63.3
Profit attributable to the Company	84.5	83.2
Extraordinary items	87.6	(0.4)
Profit for the Financial Year	172.1	82.8
Earnings per share	21.2p	20.9p

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WATERFORD GLASS GROUP

PROFITS UP 20%

Buoyant sales will enhance prosperity of the Company during 1984 – Chairman, Dr. Patrick W. McGrath

Whilst the recession still continues in Ireland there is evidence of an emergence from these economic doldrums in our major markets abroad. This trading buoyancy has been helped considerably by the strengthening of the U.S. dollar and by the considerable relaxation of interest rates during the period.

The Waterford Crystal and Aynsley China Division performed extremely well in 1983, contributing over 80% to the total profit picture. The results of our marketing policies in this division, mainly in the U.S., Canada and the U.K. will continue to realise buoyant sales and ensure the enhanced prosperity and viability of the company during 1984.

Waterford Crystal. Management reviewed the U.S. market and took steps necessary to maintain the quality and service for which we have become renowned. As a result of this and the reorganisation of our selling operation, we realised immediate benefits and confidently expect very positive long-term results. The review of our main overseas distribution companies has been highly successful and indicates that the worst of the recent world recession is passing and that demand is again challenging supply.

Aynsley China. Aynsley China continues to be a very strong performer. Demand was such that Aynsley has re-opened a factory unit which had been closed by a competitor. This enabled the company to report a year of record production, sales and profits.

Switzer Group. The Switzer Group of department stores traded in a very difficult home environment which recession has plagued for so long. But it performed satisfactorily in these circumstances, yielding a net profit for the year in excess of IR£1 million.

The Smith Group. The Smith Group, which comprises car distribution and service garages throughout Ireland, suffered again from a serious decline in the overall car market. Although Renault preserved its share of the market, margins were eroded and volume sales were reduced.

Financial Highlights	1983 IR£	1982 IR£
Turnover	212,337,000	203,755,000
Profit before taxation	10,166,000	8,493,000
Earnings per share	4.47p	3.76p
Ordinary dividend per share (net)	1.6621p	1.511p
Total Shareholders' funds	91,273,000	85,286,000

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from The Secretary, Waterford Glass Group plc, Kilbarry, Waterford, Ireland.

Scott Lithgow rigs 'will meet deadline'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The workforce and new management at the Scott Lithgow shipyard on the Lower Clyde are on target to meet rescheduled delivery dates for the two drilling rigs under construction.

Britoil have been given a March 1986 delivery date for their semi-submersible drill ship and BP are still planning to take delivery of their rig on July 31.

Work at the yard, now owned by Trafalgar House which is operating with technical support from Howard-Doros, the Anglo-French rig builder, has progressed on schedule. New working procedures and new technical specifications have been drawn up

A Britoil spokesman said: "We have been told our rig will be ready for delivery on March 1986. Our position is still that the rig must be delivered in time for the 1986 drilling season."

The yard ran into serious technical problems on the rig contracts under British shipbuilders management, both of which were cancelled when delivery days were not met.

The contracts were renewed with firm delivery dates after the new owners were able to give technical and financial assurances to BP and Britoil.

WALL STREET

	May 29	May 25
AMF Inc	15¾	15
AMR	30¼	30⅞
Allied Chem	50	49
Allied Stores	39	40
Allis Chalmers	11⅞	11¼
Alcoa	32½	33
Amax Inc	23⅛	22⅝
Amerada Hess	31⅞	30⅝
Am Brands	53½	53⅞
Am Broadcast	56¼	56⅝
Am Can	42	41⅞
Am Cyanamid	47¼	47
Am Elec Power	15⅝	15¼
Am Home	52½	53
Am Motors	4⅞	4¾
Am Nat Res	31¼	31¼
Am Standard	26¾	27⅛
Am Telephone	15⅞	15½
Armco Steel	16⅞	16⅝
Asarco	26⅝	27¼
Ashland Oil	26	26⅝
Atlntic Richfield	48⅝	48⅞
Avco	27⅞	27⅞
Avon Products	20¾	20¼
Bankers Tst NY	38⅜	38¾
Bank of America	17⅞	17¼
Bank of Boston	31¼	32
Bank of NY	37⅞	37⅛
Beatrice Foods	27⅞	28½
Bethlehem Steel	20⅛	20⅝
Boeing	37½	35
Boise Cascade	33¾	33⅞
Borden	52⅞	54
Borg Warner	18½	18⅞
Bristol Myers	43⅝	44½
BP	27⅞	27⅞
Burlington Ind	25⅝	26⅝
Burlington Nthn	40⅝	41
Burroughs	49¼	49½
Campbell Soup	56⅝	55⅝
Canadian Pacific	30½	30
Caterpillar	39⅞	40⅞
Celanese	68¼	69¼
Central Soya	14⅝	14⅝
Chase Manhat	40⅝	41⅛
Chem Bank NY	28½	27½
Chrysler	22⅛	22½
Citicorp	29⅝	30
Clark Equip	28¼	27⅛
Coca Cola	54⅜	55¼
Colgate	22¼	22½
CBS	69½	70⅝
Columbia Gas	32⅛	32½
Combustion Eng	30⅛	30½
Comwlth Edison	22⅞	23
Cons Edison	24⅜	24⅜
Cons Foods	38¼	38⅝
Cons Power	8	7⅞
Continental Grp	35	33½
Control Data	30¼	30⅞
Corning Glass	60⅜	61
CPC Intnl	34⅝	35⅛
Crane	34⅞	34½
Crocker Int	19⅛	20
Crown Zeller	29⅝	29⅝
Dart & Kraft	74½	74⅝
Deere	29⅛	29⅝
Delta Air	30½	30⅜
Detroit Edison	12⅞	12⅞
Digital Equip	84	88
Disney	64⅞	67¼
Dow Chemical	29¼	29⅝
Dresser Ind	21½	21⅞
Duke Power	22⅞	23
Du Pont	46⅛	47
Eastern Air	4⅞	5
Eastman Kodak	64⅛	64⅝
Eaton Corp	38⅜	40⅞
Esmark	58½	58⅞
Evans P. D.	5⅞	5⅞
Exxon Corp	41⅞	41⅜
Fed Dept Stores	44⅛	43⅝
Firestone	16⅛	16⅛

	May 29	May 25
Fst Chicago	21⅞	22
Fst Intrst Bncp	31¼	31¼
Fst Penn Corp	5	5¼
Ford	35⅜	36⅞
GAF Corp	18½	18⅝
GTE Corp	38¼	38⅞
Gen Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Gen Dynamics	45½	46⅛
Gen Electric	51	52⅞
Gen Foods	51	51
Gen Mills	49⅞	50¼
Gen Motors	62⅞	63¼
Gen Pub Util NY	5½	6½
Genesco	6⅝	6⅝
Georgia Pacific	19½	19⅝
Gillette	43⅝	43⅞
Goodrich	28	28¼
Goodyear	23⅞	23⅞
Gould Inc	24⅞	24
Grace	37⅛	37
Gt Atlic & Pacific	14⅛	15⅛
Greyhound	21⅞	21¼
Grumman Corp	22⅞	23
Gulf Oil	79⅝	79¼
Gulf & West	31⅛	31⅞
Heinz H. J.	33¼	33
Hercules	23⅛	28¼
Honeywell	48	49⅝
IC Inds	42⅞	42¼
Ingersoll	41⅛	43½
Inland Steel	22¼	21⅞
IBM	106½	107¼
Int Harvester	6½	6⅝
INCO	10½	10⅝
Int Paper	47⅞	48
Int Tel Tel	34⅛	34⅛
Irving Bank	52¼	53½
Jewel Co	51⅞	52½
Jim Walter	22⅞	22⅞
Johnson & John	30⅞	32½
Kaiser Alumin	14	14⅛
Kerr McGee	31½	31½
Kimberly Clark	41½	42⅜p
K Mart	27⅛	28
Kroger	29⅝	29½
L.T.V. Corp	13¼	13⅝
Litton	66½	66⅝
Lockheed	34⅛	34⅞
Lucky Stores	15⅞	16
Manuf Hanover	28⅞	28¼
Manville Cp	9⅝	9¼
Mapco	29½	29⅝
Marine Midland	22	22
Martin Marietta	32⅞	33¼
McDonnell	51⅞	51⅞
Mead	29	30
Merck	86	87¼
Minnesota Mng	73⅛	73¼
Mobil Oil	27¼	28⅛
Monsanto	89⅝	89½
Morgan J. P.	64½	65¼
Motorola	104⅝	105⅞
NCR Corp	25⅞	25⅞
NL Industries	15	15¼
Nabisco	38⅞	39⅞
Nat Distillers	27½	27⅞
Nat Med Ent	21⅛	21⅞
Norfolk South	52¼	52⅞
NW Bancorp	27⅛	27⅞
Occidental Pet	32⅞	32
Ogden	26¼	28⅞
Olin Corp	27	27
Owens-Illinois	34	34⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	13½	13⅝
Pan Am	5⅛	5½
Penney J. C	42⅞	40½
Pennzoil	35⅞	35⅞
Pepsico	40⅛	40
Pfizer	31½	31½
Phelps Dodge	19⅝	19⅞
Philip Morris	62⅞	63¼
Phillips Petrol	39¼	39⅞
Polaroid	26⅛	26⅛

	May 29	May 25
PPG Ind	26	26½
Proctor Gamble	47⅞	48⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	21⅝	21⅛
Raytheon	35⅞	35½
RCA Corp	31¼	32
Republic Steel	24⅛	24⅛
Reynolds Ind	56⅝	57⅞
Reynolds Metal	27⅝	27⅝
Rockwell Int	24½	24½
Royal Dutch	50	50⅛
Safeways	21⅞	22
St Regis Paper	34½	35
SFE Sopac	20⅝	21⅞
SCM	37⅞	38
Schlumberger	47½	47⅞
Scott Paper	26¼	26½
Seagram	32⅜	31⅞
Sears Roebuck	30⅝	30⅛
Shell Oil	59½	58⅝
Shell Trans	37⅛	37⅝
Signal Co	26⅛	26⅜
Singer	24⅛	25⅛
Smithkline Beck	53⅜	53½
Sony	14⅛	14⅛
Sth Cal Edison	36⅝	36⅞
Sperry Corp	36⅛	37⅞
Std Oil Califnia	36⅝	37
Std Oil Indiana	56	57⅛
Std Oil Ohio	47⅞	47⅞
Sterling Drug	24	24¼
Stevens J. P	17½	18⅝
Sun Comp	49⅝	48⅝
Teledyne	199½	193¼
Tenneco	38½	39⅝
Texaco	36¼	36⅝
Texas East Corp	66¼	68½
Texas Inst	129½	132
Texas Utilities	22½	22½
Textron	27	28⅝
TWA	25	26
Travelers Corp	30	29⅛
TRW Inc	59⅝	58½
UAL Inc	32⅜	32⅞
Union Carbide	57	53⅞
Union Oil Calif	36¼	36
Un Pacific Corp	43⅛	43⅛
Uniroyal	10	10½
United Brands	13⅞	15⅛
US Industries	21⅛	21½
US Steel	26½	26⅞
Utd Technol	61¼	62¼
Wachovia	42½	42⅞
Warner Comms	21⅝	22⅜
Warner Lambert	29½	29⅞
Wells Fargo	34⅝	34⅞
Westnghse Elec	40⅛	40⅜
Weyerhauser	26	26½
Whirlpool	37½	39⅛
Woolworth	33⅜	33⅞
Xerox Corp	36⅝	37
Zenith	24⅝	24⅛

Canadian Prices	May 25	May 24
Abitibi	22½	23⅛
Alcan Alumin	36	32⅛
Algoma Steel	21	21⅛
Bell Telephone	29⅛	29⅝
Cominco	15½	15⅝
Cons Bathurst	25⅝	26⅝
Gulf Oil	17⅛	17⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	17	19½
Hudson Bay Min	11⅛	12
Imasco	36½	38⅝
Imperial Oil	37⅞	37⅞
Int Pipe	26⅜	26⅛
Mass-Fergsn	3½	3⅛
Royal Trustco	24	24
Seagram	41	42½
Steel Co	23	22⅛
Thomson N 'A'	36½	35½
Walker Hiram	21½	21½
WCT	14	13½

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Harrison raises profits by 27%

By Our City Staff

Harrison & Crosfield the plantations group raised pretax profits by 27 per cent last year. The company is proposing a one-for-one scrip issue and has increased the total dividend from 31p to 34p.

Last week. Harrison sent shareholders a complicated plan outlining how they could swop shares in 10 quoted plantations companies for cash or shares in Harrisons Malaysian Plantations Berhad.

The deal will leave Harrison with 30 per cent of Malaysian Plantations with a net worth of £200m and between £15m and £18m cash.

The share price jumped 60p on the news before settling unchanged on the day at 787.5p. For the year to December 1983, turnover rose to more than £1 billion against £952m last time and Harrison's pretax profits jumped from £44.4m to £56.6m. A geographical breakdown shows that profits from Britain rose from £11.4m to £29.2m, while those from Asia fell from £38.3m to £26.1m and North American ones almost halved to £2.3m.

Harrison says that although crops were lower owing to a prolonged drought, this setback was more than offset by the bouyancy of rubber, palm oil, cocoa, coffee and tea. This firmness has persisted in 1984, particularly among the edible commodities because of an improvement in the economic cycle.

Harrison says that considerably better profits were earned by all the manufacturing and distribution units in Britain and Europe buthe position in North America was less pleasing and some of the companies there continue to struggle to maintain sales and market share even at lower margins.

The improved performance during the latter part of 1983 in Britain and Europe has been maintained during the opening months of this year. Harrison says that it is optimistic about the economic conditions affecting the North American businesses.

US holds key to future

Sounder gold should reach nearly $424, says ConsGold

World economic developments could be moving in favour of gold after a dull 1983, but what happens to gold still mainly depends on American interest rates and the strength of the dollar. Consolidated Gold Fields, the big British mining finance house, says in its latest annual survey published yesterday.

The survey, *Gold 1984*, concludes: "Inflation is turning upward and the growing deficit in the US current account underlines how inappropriate is the exchange rate of the dollar. The gold market should now be more soundly based and therefore potentially responsive to any improvement that may occur in the external environment."

But Miss Louise du Boulay, the Gold Fields executive in charge of compiling the report, says that too much should not be expected of political influences. She argues that political factors only move the gold price when demand is already strong. On balance, the report expects this year's gold price roughly to match last year's London average of just under $424 an ounce, an increase of 13 per cent over 1982.

As is customary in its reports, Gold Fields breaks down the supply of and demand for gold into their physical components. The survey estimates that the total supply of gold bullion to the non-communist private sector rose last year from 1,1,40 tonnes to 1,299 tonnes, its highest for a decade.

Within that total, mining production of 1,088 tonnes, compared with 1,023 tonnes, was also the highest for 10 years. The report points out, however, that only 14 per cent of the extras mining output over the past three years came from new mines. It suggests that many of these small mines could soon exhaust their reserves.

South African production went up from 664 tonnes to 680 tonnes, while perhaps the most significent changes was Brazil's output growing by 16 tonnes to 51 tonnes, overtaking the United States as the third biggest Western producer. The other major components o supply were a sharp drop in net sales from the communist bloc, mainly the Soviet Union, from 202 tonnes t 91 tonnes, and heavy official or central banks sales of 119 tonnes.

Demand, by contrast, presents something of a mystery, to which Gold Fields admits it has no clear answer. The market for carat jewelry, the single biggest source of demand, contracted from 715 tonnes to 599 tonnes, cheifly because the price of gold was very high in local currencies. As sterling fell against the dollar, for example, gold rose to record levels in sterling terms.

But the use of gold in electronics rose to 97 tonnes from 85 tonnes, and sales of official coins such as Krugerrand from South Africa and the Maple Leaf from Canada were 34 tonnes higher at 165 tonnes. Some of these sales, however, may have remained in the hands of the distributors and not actually been passed on to final customers.

The mystery comes in the large residual element left after bar holdings are taken into account. Total fabricated gold was 1,002 tonnes against 1,073 tonnes in 1982. That left a notional 297 tonnes added to bullion holdings. But identifiable bullion sales collapsed from 302 tonnes to 81 tonnes. The whereabouts of the remaining 216 tonnes is the mystery.

Michael Prest

Tate & Lyle runs into trouble again over Indonesian trade

By Andrew Cornelius

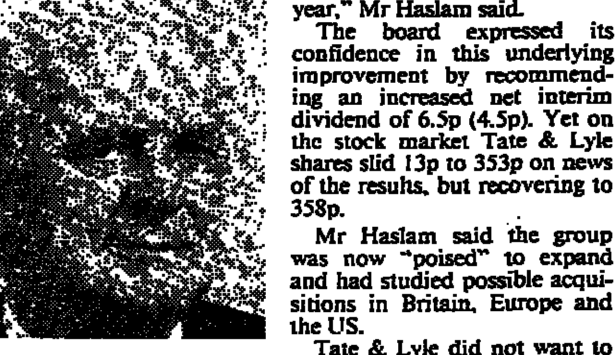
Tate & Lyle, the newly-shaped sugar group, has run into trouble with Indonesian sugar trading for the second successive year.

Yesterday the company was forced to declare a special one-off £10.4m provision to cover possible losses after Indonesian buyers refused to take delivery of more than 100,000 tonnes of sugar, to be shipped according to a contract agreed in 1982.

Mr Robert Haslam, Tate's chairman said the company would now take the dispute to the Arbitration Board of the London Commodities Exchange. And although Tate appears to have a cast-iron case the company still hopes to settle the claim before the case is heard, in much the same way as last year when it was able to claw back a first-half provision against losses in Indonesia through a negotiated settlement.

Mr Haslam said the problems





Robert Haslam: hoping for a settlement.

in Indonesia, and additional £1.5m provision to cover the group's exposure to a contract in Mozambique, where finance has been withdrawn, had marred an otherwise impressive performance.

Pretax profits for the half-year to March 31 increased by 28 per cent to £37.4m. "The underlying increase in profits is nearly double that achieved last year," Mr Haslam said.

The board expressed its confidence in this underlying improvement by recommending an increased net interim dividend of 6.5p (4.5p). Yet on the stock market Tate & Lyle shares slid 13p to 353p on news of the results, but recovering to 358p.

Mr Haslam said the group was now "poised" to expand and had studied possible acquisitions in Britain, Europe and the US.

Tate & Lyle did not want to move "too far" from its existing business, he said, and would prefer to remain closely involved in the bulk food area.

Tate is already benefiting from improved efficiency at the Thames refinery where it is investing £40m over three years. Sugar refining and production activities in Britain yielded pretax profits of £9.2m against £9.3m in the first half of last year.

NEI hopes for better results

By Our City Staff

The chairman of Northern Engineering Industries reported at yesterday's meeting that there was some evidence of a beneficial influence from the beginning of the economic upswing. "This, and the company's continuing investment should result in improved performance this year," he said.

He also added that the board was engaged in a substantial restructuring programme. "The Peebles Electrical Machines business will concentrate all its manufacturing facilities in the Edinburgh plant which the company owns and which has the required capability. The company will also be closing its leased facilities in Witton, Birmingham and in Cleveland, Ohio."

Since the year's end, the company's turnover, profits ans intake of business are all on course in Britain's operations

'Scottish outlook best since 1979'

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

The outlook for the Scottish economy is better than at any time since 1979 although the recovery so far has been weak, the Fraser of Allander Institute says in its latest economic commentary.

The institute, which is connected with the University of Strathclyde, now expects the Scottish economy to grow by 2.7 per cent this year slowing slightly in 1985 but still comfortably exceeding 2 per cent.

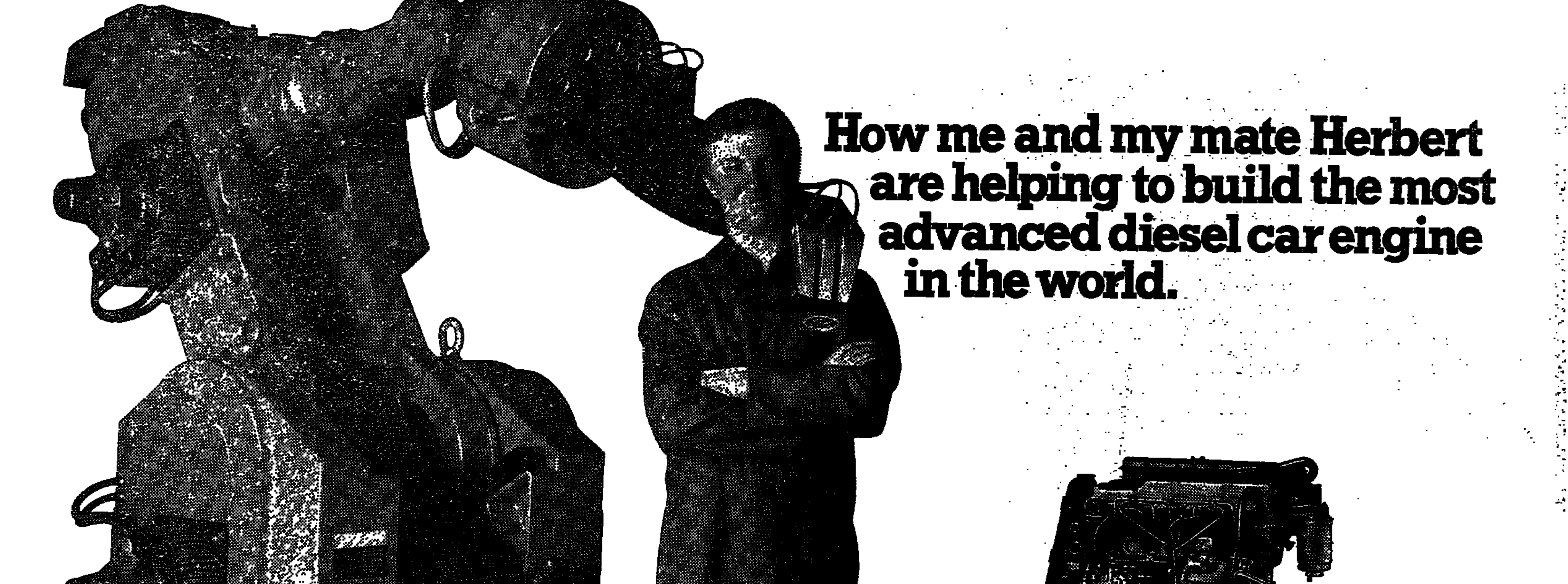
The upturn in export markets, consumer spending and boost to investment from Budget tax changes should help to encourage growth. But the better outlook is also partly due to the slower than expected performance of the economy last year, when Scotland lagged behind the rest of Britain.

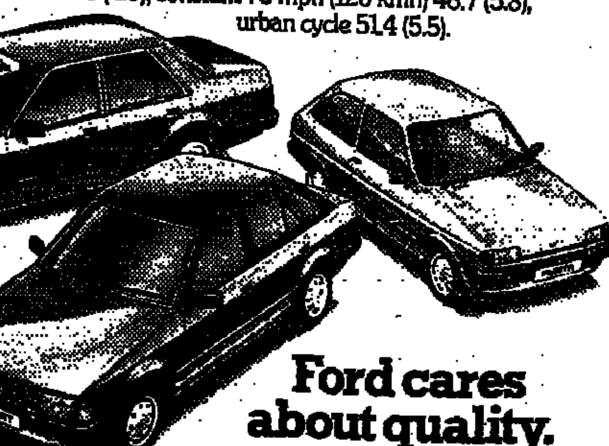
The Institute says that industrial production outside the oil sector in Scotland was still falling throughout the first three quarters of last year and recovery only got underway towards the end of the year. Growth in Scottish gross domestic product may not have been much more than 1.5 per cent last year, the institute now believes, even though construction, tourism and other service industries appear to have followed the national trend more closely.

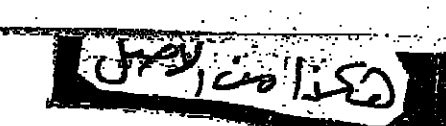
Last year's sluggish performance was reflected in the labour market which was one of the weakest in Britain in 1983.

Seasonally adjusted adult unemployment in Scotland stood at 320,300 or 14.3 per cent of the workforce and the institute sees little prospect of it falling below 310,000 by the year-end. It says that radical action is required from the Government and suggests a marginal employment subsidy payable on all types of labour.

● **ANGLO-INDONESIAN CORPORATION:** Final 3p making 4p (1p) for 1983. Figures in £000. Turnover 26,884 (9,006). Pretax profit 1,130 (loss 449) after associated companies losses nil (68). Tax 321 (130). Minorities 63 (CDT 276). Extraordinary debt nil (189). Shares unchanged.









APPOINTMENTS

Seven join board at Sphere Drake

Sphere Drake Insurance: Messrs P. H. Chilton, G. R. Digby, R. W. Gray, S. N. Jones, P. G. Philo, M. J. Read, and K. T. Ripp have joined the board.

Kraft Foods: Mr Thomas Mason has become managing director.

Miller Buckley: Dr J. A. Vickers has become an executive director of Buckley Investments, the group's holding company. Mr P. Smith has been appointed a director of Miller Buckley Construction and Messrs R. Collingwood and C. Selsby directors of Miller Buckley Developments.

Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain: Mr C. J. S. Price has become chairman and chief executive and Mr J. H. Hogg deputy chairman.

Chubb & Son: Mr Gilbert Kelland has been appointed group security consultant.

Charles Kendall Export Services: Mr Jerry Harwood, general manager, has been made a director.

Vickers: Mr Richard Perry, managing director of the car division of Rolls-Royce Motors, is to take over Mr George Fenn's car group responsibilities when Mr Fenn retires from the board and from Rolls-Royce Motors executive duties.

ICL (UK): Mr Andrew Caldecott has been appointed a non-executive director.

Reliance Mutual Insurance Society: Mr Graham Titford has been appointed chairman of the society and of Reliance Fire and Accident Insurance Corporation, the British Life Office and Reliance Unit managers.

Woolworth Holdings: Mr Michael Hollingbery, chairman and chief executive of Comet Group, has joined the board.

London & Continental Bankers: Mr Michael Brooks, Mr Oliver Barstow and Mr W. R. A. Pamment have been appointed associate directors.

Lloyds Bank: Mr Brian Bodel has become manager of the City Trust branch.

Edward Townsend looks at prospects for world aerospace industry over next decade

BAe poised to fight for share in £100bn take-off

The world's planemakers are stretching their wings in preparation for a market take-off which, if they have their sums right, could produce at least £100 billion-worth of orders in the next 10 years.

The dogfights over such a massive slice of business will be fierce but the rewards, ensuring prosperity well into the next century, are immense.

At the moment, the civil industry is in the depths of a recession but unlike other international industries – like steel – there is little evidence of despondency. While there appears to be a glut of car manufacturers, the slimming of the aerospace industries has resulted in only a handful of major contenders.

Unprecedented international joint ventures – particularly in aero engines – and withdrawal by some aircraft manufacturers from specific sectors, has produced a world industry that its members hope will be able to withstand the uncertainties of the West's economic systems for the foreseeable future.

The stakes in this truly international market are also high – the new European Airbus A320 in which Britain has a 26 per cent share is going to cost about £2,000m and profits (if there are any) cannot be expected until at least 700 aircraft have been sold and paid for.

It is this heart-stopping nature of aerospace investment needs that has forced international collaboration on the manufactures.

In such a climate it was no surprise that a merger of British Aerospace with Thorn EMI or GEC or whoever is most acceptable and able to inject new capital, particularly into the civil side in the coming years, was being considered.

BA is a 20 per cent stakeholder in the European government-funded Airbus Industrie civil airliner consortium but it is unlikely to get more than prestige and a place on the international planemakers' stage from the connexion for many years. What a suitor is after now is access to BA's defence business; military aircraft accounted for 45 per cent of BA's 1983 turnover and guided weapons systems another 30 per cent, with civil aircraft representing just 19 per cent.



A British Aerospace 146 airliner – the "whispering jet" – was handed over yesterday by BAe's chairman, Sir Austin Pearce, left, to Mr Paul Barkley, chief executive of Pacific Southwest Airlines, official carrier to Disneyland. At Hatfield to witness the airline take delivery of its first 146, and to meet Disney characters, were children from schools in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. US orders and options for the 146 total £600m. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst). Below: the 747, best-known of Boeing's jets.



On the civil side, BA is having a remarkable success with the 146, its "whispering jet" which has proved – after years of failing to capture the imagination of the computer airlines – to be just what they want and now orders and options in the US are worth £600m.

But this is minuscule in relation to the potential available in the big civil league, and only through Airbus can Britain stand a chance of sharing in the hoped-for boom in coming years. BA's total sales (including defence) last year, for example, were £2,300m, while McDonnell Douglas of the US recorded sales of more than $8,000m (£5,700m) and Boeing, the world's largest planemaker, had a 1982 revenue figure of $9,206m.

Airbus Industrie and the two American major groups are now engaged in the three-cornered fight for the big airline orders of the coming two decades, Lockheed (maker of the TriStar) having bowed out of the civil business. Boeing, the biggest, has a full range of aircraft from its 747 Jumbos to the equally successful 737, with McDonnell Douglas offering the MD-80 and the previously ill-fated DC-10.

In the first five months of this year, Boeing sold 72 aircraft of which 44 were 737-300s – the company's competitor in the new 150-seat sector – and 22 were the older 737-200 version. In the same period last year, Boeing's sales stood at only 25 planes. For McDonnell Douglas, the decision to close the DC-10 line proved premature and production was resumed following a recent order from the Federal Express airline for six.

Airbus, the relative newcomer, has been struggling to gain a foothold in the market with just two planes – the A300 and A310, both wide-bodied jets. Now, with the all-clear having been given by the consortium members to develop the A320, Airbus is on the way to presenting a true family of high technology and cost-efficient planes.

All three are now looking with greater clarity towards a renewal of confidence among the world's airlines as they emerge from the worst recession in living memory. After years of losses, airlines are actually seeing profits return this year and according to the International Air Transport Association the collective figure, after interest, could be £180m. This may seem tiny, but it represents a reversal of the late-1983 IATA forecast of a net loss of £530m.

Mr Knut Hammarskjold, the IATA director-general, says the profit forecast stems from the fact that traffic has been rising faster than the number of seats on offer from the airlines. But he warns that collectively the airlines are falling far short of anything resembling a sufficient return to finance fleet replacements "in conventional fashion from their own resources." The predicted profit represents 0.5 per cent of total revenues, a long way from the 7.5 per cent return the airlines estimate they need.

The extent of the recession's impact on the aircraft manufacturers can be seen from the order levels of recent years. In 1982 and 1983, orders placed with the six major producers (Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, and Airbus plus BA, Fokker of Holland and Lockheed) totalled 262 ad 232 respectively, but in the late 1970s orders were flowing in at the rate of 700 a year.

Hopes are now firmly pinned on an upsurge of orders for delivery in the latter half of the current decade as airlines, bolstered by the better profitability, replace their ageing fleets, particularly in the medium-range sector, with the newly-developed, less thirsty and quieter jets.

Boeing estimates that there will be a total open market for all civil aircraft of $151,000m between 1984 and 1995. This is a dip of $16,000m on its 1983 forecast but this, says the company, is because of the inclusion now of the effects of two predicted business cycles in 1985 and at the start of the 1990s.

This year the world's airlines will, says Boeing, take delivery of 304 planes, falling to 285 next year but rising to 503 in 1989. Of the latter, 363 wil be standard body jets and 140 will be wide-bodied. A total in the 10 years up to 1995 of 3,850 aircraft will include short-range planes worth $51,000m and medium-range worth $40,000m.

Mr Tom Craig, Boeing's director of market research, believes that the big technological advances that have characterized the aircraft developments of the last decade will not be repeated in the next.

He adds: "Since low energy costs and large airline productivity gains through technological improvements are not likely to recur in the future, the long term outlook for the forces of market growth should be controlled by the general trend of the world's economies."

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● AAA ACQUISITIONS: The Board of Anglo American Agriculture has announced that a wholly owned subsidiary, Anglo American Agriculture (USA) Inc, has exchanged contracts for the purchase of two agricultural properties in Southern California for a total consideration of $1,439,000.

● JERSEY GENERAL INVESTMENT TRUST: The company has arranged to borrow unsecured from ICFC (Jersey) the sum of £5m with repayment on May 31, 2009 or earlier by agreement after May 31, 1984. The loan will bear interest of 11.9 per cent p.a. pay half yearly in arrears on May 31, and November 30.

● CAPITAL AND COUNTIES: Pretax profit for 1984 £10.4m (£7.4m) including £2.6m from property sale. Final dividend 3.3p, making 4.7p for the year (4.2p). Net asset value 251p (223p). Property surplus £14.8m, up 8.6 per cent.

● NOMURA SECURITIES: Japan's biggest securities house, increased pretax profit 24 per cent to 93.4 billion (291m), on revenue of 223.3 billion (£696m), for half year to March.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR. REGISTRAR BRADBURN

IN THE MATTER of
BOWATER CORPORATION
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
and
IN THE MATTER of
THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated the 17th May 1984 made in the above matters the Court has directed Separate Meetings of the holders of:—

(i) the 5½ per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each and

(ii) the Ordinary Shares of £1 each

respectively of the above named Bowater Corporation Public Limited Company (hereinafter called "the Company") to be convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of its said respective classes of Shares and that such Meetings will be held at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W.1. on Friday the 22nd day of June 1984 at the respective times below mentioned namely:—

(i) the Meeting of the holders of the 5½ per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each at 11.00 a.m.; and

(ii) the Meeting of the holders of the Ordinary Shares of £1 each at 11.05 a.m. (or so soon thereafter as the preceding Meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned)

at which place and respective times all such Shareholders are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the said Meetings can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement forms of proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 207 of the abovementioned Act at the registered office of the Company situate at Bowater House, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LR, and at the office of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meetings.

The said Shareholders may vote in person at such of the said Meetings as they are entitled to attend or they may appoint another person, whether a Member of the Company or not, as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.

It is requested that forms appointing Proxies be lodged with the Registrars of the Company, Lloyds Bank plc, Registrars Department, Goring by Sea, Worthing, West Sussex BN12 4BR not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meetings but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting at which they are to be used.

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person, or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members of the Company.

By the said Order, the Court has appointed The Right Honourable Lord Erroll of Hale or failing him Dr. Aylmer Ingram Lenton or failing him Sir John Hedley Greenborough to act as Chairman of each of the said Meetings, and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof respectively to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

DATED this 23rd day of May 1984.
ALLEN & OVERY,
9 Cheapside,
London EC2V 6AD.
Solicitors for the Company.



FOOTBALL: WELCOME SURPRISE FOR THE ENGLAND MANAGER, BUT HE IS STILL LIKELY TO CALL UP ANOTHER FORWARD





French lieutenants and their marshal: Giresse (left), Tigana (top) and Platini, the embodiment of Hidalgo's ideals

European Championship hosts in unaccustomed position of favourites

Free-flowing French carry burden of expectation

Paris (Reuter) – France, whose sparkling football has won friends but not trophies, find themselves in the unaccustomed role of favourites for the European Championship finals they stage next month. Victories over England, Austria and, above all, West Germany this year have flattered French hopes of winning a major title – a feat which has always eluded them – and in Michel Platini, the European footballer of the year, they possess arguably the greatest match-winner in the tournament.

A French triumph would be a fitting way for the team to bid farewell to Michel Hidalgo, their thoughtful manager, who will hand over the job he has held for the best part of a decade after the finals. Hidalgo fashioned sides of great skill, flair and adventure which enabled France to reach the 1978 and 1982 World Cup final series and grace them with their style after 12 moderate years.

Few teams emerged from the 1982 World Cup in Spain with greater glory than France, who went out on a night of nerve-shredding excitement, beaten in the semi-finals in a penalty 'shoot-out' by the West Germans.

Last month's 1-0 victory over West Germany in Strasbourg provided more than revenge for that defeat – it made Hidalgo's team front-runners to take the European title their rivals still hold. It was all the more gratifying because it was accomplished – like the one over Austria – without the inspiration of Platini, who was not released by Juventus.

Platini, fresh from his European Cup Winners' Cut triumph with Juventus, is back with the international squad. They are preparing for the championships in the Pyrenian mountain village of Font-Romeu.

Apart from Platini, there are five veterans from the 1978 World Cup: the defenders Battiston and Bossis, the wingers Rocheteau and Six, and the forward Lacombe, the most prolific scorer in French first division history.

Platini is the fulcrum of the side, a player of rare and magical skills, who transforms games both by making and scoring goals. France's 2-0 win over England here three months ago was illuminated by two superb goals from him, a looping header and a searing free-kick, and the French captain has been the leading scorer in Italy for the last two seasons.

Even without Platini, France have a wealth of midfield talent, most notably in Giresse and Tigana, who helped Bordeaux win the French first division for the first time in 34 years this season. Giresse, who supplied the pass for Platini's first goal against England, has also been a high scorer this season.

Bordeaux and Monaco, the latter pipped at the post in both the league and Cup, each provide five players in the squad, strengthened the continuity of the team. Giresse, Tigani, Lacombe, Battiston and the reserve defender Tusseau are the Bordeaux quintet, of whom all but Tusseau played for France in the 1982 World Cup.

Monaco's five are the defenders Amoros and le Roux, the midfield player Genghini, who scored a fine winner against West Germany, and the forwards bravo and Bellone.

Wood fined for making 'inexcusable outbursts'

Darren Wood, the Middlesbrough defender, has been fined a week's wages and warned by the club about his future conduct. Wood criticized Middlesbrough last week over a new contract, which he described as a joke. Middlesbrough have revealed that the contract was worth £90,000 over three years.

The club have issued a statement, saying that Wood left them with no alternative but to put the record straight. The statement adds: "For Wood to claim that an injustice has been perpetrated against him because the club has offered only a £500 pay rise is, in this area of unemployment, almost nothing short of obscene.

"The board recognizes Wood's talents and the way he has conducted himself in the past, but his outbursts were totally inexcusable. Perhaps he would be better disposed to consider the perilous state of the game today and ask why gates are falling and many young footballers are finding themselves on the dole."

Wood, a 19-year-old right back, has been linked with Sheffield Wednesday, Chelsea and Arsenal in recent weeks.

Dinamo men called up by Romania

Bucharest (Reuter) - Romania, who will be making their first appearance in the finals of the European Championship, have included five Dinamo Bucharest players in their squad for the tourament in France next month. They are the goalkeeper Moraru, the defenders Andone and Rednic and the midfield players Augustin and Dragnea, all of whom helped their club reach the semi-final of this season's European Cup.

ROMANIA: lung, Moraru, Ordache, Rednic, Iogulescu, Ungureanu, Andone, Negrila, Zare, Boloni, Klein, Ticleau, Irimescu, Augustin, Dragnea, Balint, Camataru, Coras, Gabor, Geolgau, Hagi, Lacatus, Mateut.

● Denmark announced their their 20-man squad for the European Championships yesterday:

DENMARK: Kjaer, Qvist, Rasmussen, Rasmussen, Morten Olsen, Busk, Nielsen, Moelby, Sibebaek; Laundsen, Larby, Arnesen, Bertelsen, Simonsen, Jesper Olsen, Berggreen, Elkjaer, Brylle, Laudrup, Thychosen.

● Australia held the touring Nottingham Forest side 1 – 1 in Adelaide yesterday to gain their third successive draw in a series of matches between the twr sides.

Forest opened the scoring in the twenty-fourth minute after the Australian goalkeeper, Greedy, had run well out of his goal and fouled Walsh as he made a breakaway attack. Walsh lofted the free kick into the penalty area and Anderson rose high to head the ball home.

Australia drew level six minutes later when Murphy ended a flowing move from close range. The home team kept up their pressure throughout, producing some of their best ever football.

Blissett is released by Milan to play against Russia

The England manager, Bobby Robson, had a welcome surprise when Luther Blissett was given permission to play in the match against the Soviet Union at Wembley on Saturday. Blissett's club, AC Milan, had originally refused to release him because they wanted him to join their preparations for an Italian cup match on June 7.

The former Watford forward was ordered back to Italy after last weekend's 1-1 draw against Scotland, but Milan's change of heart means that he returns to the England squad. However, Robson is still likely to call up another forward because Tony woodcock and Mark Chamberlain are doubtful for the game against the Soviets and Gary Lineker is certain to be unfit.

Woodcock, who aggravated a hamstring injury after scoring England' equalizer against the Scots, will test his fitness in a training session at Wembley today. Chamberlain reported a slight improvement on his back injury yesterday but Lineker's groin injury looks likely to rule him out of the three-match South American tour which starts next week.

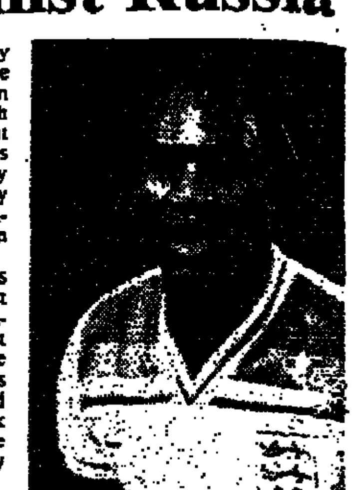
Robson said yesterday: "Blissett will help Saturday's match, but cannot help the tour because he is unavailable. I'm making moves for a replacement forward and I should be able to make an announcement tomorrow."

The Queen's Park Rangers utility player John Gregory will rest throughout the summer in a bid to clear the nagging groin injury which has temporarily upset his England prospects.

After missing Saturday's international against Scotland because of a strain, he again lost the chance of adding to his six caps when he aggravated the injury at Tottenham on Tuesday night.

Gregory came on as a second half substitute for an England XI in Keith Burkinshaw's testimonial match, but lasted only 16 minutes. This has ruled him out of Saturday's game against the Soviet Union and the three-match South American tour.

Gregory's loss was mourned by the England manager, who immediately called in Gary Stevens of Tottenham as a replacement to his injury-hit squad.



Blissett: available

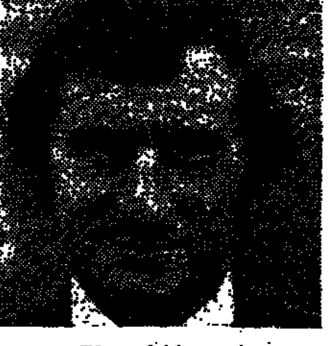
Robson said: "John broke down completely and now needs a summer rest. It is a cruel blow because he was an experienced player among the kids and we needed that. It's just incredible what has happened to us."

The comeback at White Hart Lane in the testimonial match of Trevor Francis, playing for the first time since food poisoning in Italy kept him out of Saturday's draw with Scotland, provided some relief for Robson. Francis tired towards the end of the match and will almost certainly face the Russians.

Chris Hughton and Liam Brady, guesting for Tottenham, in the testimonial match, scored the Tottenham goals. Bryan Robson and Ray Wilkins replied for England in front of a 20,518 crowd which should net Burkinshaw around £60,000 at the end of his eight-year reign as manager.

● Blissett arrived in Milan after England's match against Scotland just in time to play in AC Milan's 3-2 defeat by the Romanian national team, who are having warm-up matches in preparation for the European championships.

Pleat considers QPR



Pleat: 24 hours

Queen's Park Rangers have asked David Pleat to become their team manager, the Luton Town manager is spending 24 hours thinking over the offer. Gordon Jago, the new general manager at Loftus Road, wants Pleat to be his right-hand man.

Pleat said yesterday: "I'm not sure what I will do. I've listened to what Rangers have had to say and I will not be making any comment or statement until tomorrow." Pleat, aged 41, has been manager at Luton for six years, during which time he has taken them into the first division without having a great deal of money to spend of players.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

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33.6	28.3	Gilt & F Int	31.6	33.3	
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CRICKET: CURTAIN-RAISER TO THE TEST MATCHES SHOULD BE EVENTFUL

W Indies' experience will stretch resources of Gower and company

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The three one-day internationals between England and West Indies, to be played over the next few days for the Texaco Trophy, should make an eventful curtain-raiser to the Test matches to come. The first of them is at Old Trafford today, and if the pitch has been prepared to suit anyone especially, it is not the West Indian fast bowlers. It looks very flat and not at all green.

England seem sure to play Miller, whose all-round experience could well be useful. Cowans may be left out from among the bowlers, and Randall or Lamb of the batsmen. Gatting's bowling, though of no great consequence, will be needed as cover in the event of mishap to any of the five main bowlers. West Indies, as they invariably do in one-day matches, will play four fast bowlers, with the remaining overs to be shared by Richards and Gomes.

I am not sure when England, even with a full side, can have faced a stiffer task, not so much in this particular match as over the summer as a whole. Better balanced sides than Clive Lloyd's, yes. Sides containing more great cricketers, probably. But a tougher one to beat? I doubt it. And certainly not one with a better recent record.

A year ago it was reasonable to think that by now West Indies would be on the slide. Generally speaking, their cricketers are past their best when they are over 30, and Lloyd is 39, Greenidge 33, Richards 32, Garner 31 and Holding 30. Instead, they seem, collectively, to have become more formidable.

If so, their Australian physiotherapist has a lot to answer for. Garner, fitter than for a long time, has put on pace. Holding and Lloyd, whose knees should be some orthopaedic museum, have learnt the art of self-conservation. Like Lillee and Hadlee, Holding has offset the loss of sheer hostility by widening his repertoire.

The complacency which contributed to West Indies losing the 1983 World Cup final to India serves now as a warning to take nothing for granted. Against their four fast bowlers there can be no letting up. That has been their winning formula. Of the 74 one-day internationals they have played under Lloyd's captaincy they have won 58, tied one and lost only 15. Of the 22 they have played since being beaten by India last June they have lost two. I will not go on. They are horribly good, and in sparkling form.

England, too, are in form, their batsmen anyway. They will be more discerningly led by Gower than they were by Willis, and Willis will be able to concentrate on his bowling. One has earned the rest, the other wants the challenge. There is certainly no need to despair, particularly in this one-day series when the strain of battle and the pressures imposed by never-ending speed have yet to tell. Slow pitches and the uncertainty of the chase could well cause a surprise or two.

The West Indians have taken exception to the bowling of 96 overs a day in the Test matches and that their own way of bowling – almost always fast and often short – is taking the charm out of the game.

Well, they have all the summer in which to disarm their critics. Large crowds, containing a strong West Indian element, will watch them, for there is no doubting their great attraction.

ENGLAND: (from): *D I Gower (Leicestershire), G Fowler (Lancashire), T A Lloyd (Warwickshire), A J Lamb (Northamptonshire), M W Gatting (Middlesex), D W Randall (Nottinghamshire), I T Botham (Somerset), †D L Bairstow (Yorkshire), G Miller (Derbyshire), D R Pringle (Essex), N A Foster (Essex), N G Cowans (Middlesex), R G D Willis (Warwickshire).
WEST INDIES: *C H Lloyd, C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, I V A Richards, H A Gomes, †P J Dujon, M D Marshall, E A E Baptiste, J Garner, M A Holding.
Umpires: D J Constant and D R Shepherd.
Prize money: Winners of each match: £3,000; Man of the match: £350; Man of the series: £500.
Television: 10.40am-12.5pm and 1.20pm-3.55pm (BBC1); 3.50pm-7.25pm (BBC 2). Highlights: 11.20pm-11.50pm (BBC2).
Radio: 10.40am-7.45pm (BBC Radio 3 medium wave).


Knight clean bowled by Holmes at the Oval yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

England had better beware the sharper talons of Big Bird

By Richard Streeton


Garner, a gentle giant, balances himself before hurtling one of his thunderbolts down from a great height

A rejuvenated Joel Garner, having added yards to his pace, seems certain to create new problems for England when the Texaco Trophy one-day series with the West Indies starts at Old Trafford today. As if David Gower and his team did not have enough on their plate trying to deal with their opponents' known capabilities, it seems almost unfair that Garner, known as "big bird", should undergo a dramatic transformation at 31 that makes him even more effective.

Yet that is what has happened to the 6ft 8ins Garner, the tallest Test cricketer in the world and who only 13 months ago was dropped from the West Indies' team. Last weekend in Swansea, though, Garner unveiled his new bowling style for the first time in this country. He wrecked Glamorgan's batting in both innings to confirm that the new lease of life he showed recently against Australia has not expired.

Garner's run-up never excessive, has been lengthened; he approaches the stumps at full pelt for the first time; and in terms of basic speed, is now second only to Marshall in the West Indian pace battery.

Jackie Hendriks, the former West Indies wicketkeeper and manager of the side agrees that Garner has added a new dimension to his method. "It is as much as anything that the rest he took by not going to India did him a lot of good. He had taken a lot of wear and tear but he is now relishing bowling again. He is in tip-top physical condition and is faster. He has always been a happy soul but you can see him smiling a lot more; he is enjoying his cricket and it makes the difference."

Garner's Test career slumped early in 1983 when he returned home exhausted by a season with South Australia. In later April he was omitted from the fifth Test against India at Antigua in favour of Winston Davis. He performed well, however, in the World Cup and for Somerset in one-day games during the following English season.

It was agreed Garner should miss the tour to India at the end of 1983 and on medical advice he spent three months relaxing on Barbados beaches. In the New Year he joined West Indies in Australia and played his customary decisive role in the arduous World Series programme. By the time the Australians reached West Indies for the Test rubber beginning last March, Garner was eager for the pressures and demands of five-day cricket.

With Marshall missing the first Test and Holding the first two Tests, Garner had the new ball and carried a heavy responsibility. He responded with nine wickets in the first Test at Georgetown and six in the first innings of the second Test at Port of Spain before food poisoning restricted his bowling late in that match.

He still finished the series with 31 wickets at 16.87 each, a record haul for West Indies against Australia. Now the same hostility and awesome speed will join Marshall against England with Holding as first change. It is a daunting prospect for Gower's team.

Like many physical giants, Garner is a gentle, retiring man in private life and something of a loner on tour, usually to be found with headphones on, listening to soul music or jazz. He is a man of strong character, not easily swayed from his beliefs on any subject and it is not generally known that two years ago Somerset seriously considered appointing him captain. A former telegraph operator for Cable and Wireless, Garner unfailingly visits his old colleagues every day at the communication centres on Caribbean Test grounds.

It was Garner, typically, who after last year's NatWest Trophy final at Lord's, gave his winner's medal to Roy Kerslake, a former Somerset chairman, in recognition of what Mr Kerslake had done for the players. Mr Kerslake had a leg in plaster after rupturing an achilles tendon and had doubted whether he would get to Lord's. Garner was among the players who 'kidnapped' Mr Kerslake on the Friday, took him to Lord's the next day and carried him upstairs to the dressing room. A man who overcomes obstacles, Mr Garner, as England – one fears – are going to be reminded.

Larkins cuts loose with 151

By Peter Ball

NORTHAMPTON: Lancashire, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 370 runs behind Northamptonshire.

In answer to barracking for slow scoring on Monday, David Hughes suggested that the Headingley wicket should be dug up. After their unrewarding toils yesterday, the Lancashire bowlers might feel that flat, first-day Northampton wickets are much more deserving of such treatment.

The Northamptonshire batman enjoyed a field day. Larkins was in flowing form, scoring an almost faultless 151 in 274 minutes. The top edge off Simmons which brought up his century was the only noticeable flaw as he drove and pulled most of his 17 fours savagely. He shared in stands of 126 with Cook, making his first appearance since breaking his jaw only 26 days ago, and 136 with Wild, who after a tentative start attacked the tiring bowling enthusiastically.

It was a thankless task for even the most penetrative attack, and Lancashire are certainly not that. Tidiness was the most they could hope for, and that was generally achieved. Folley who, to the potential discomfort of his side later on in the match, found some gentle spin in his new métier and Allott did rather more than that without luck smiling on them.

Lancashire's only consolation came from their out cricket, wwhich ensured that the batting feast did not turn into an orgy. Abrahams and Fairbrother distinguishing themselves in the field.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*G Cook c Abrahams b Simmons	56
W Larkings c Fairbrother b Makinson	151
D J Wild b Allott	91
R G Williams not out	47
R J Bailey l-b-w b Allott	9
D J Capel c Fairbrother b Simmons	2
D S Steele not out	6
Extras (l-b 12, n-b 4)	16
Total (5 wkts dec)	378

†G Sharp, A Walker, R W Hanley and B J Griffiths did not bat
Score at 100 overs: 343 for 4
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–126, 2–262, 3–333, 4–343, 5–352.
BOWLING: Allott 21-4-63-2; McFarlane 17-4-61-0; Makinson 10-2-53-1; Folley 25-3-81-0; Simmons 28-6-7-78-2; Abrahams 7-0-26-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J A Ormrod not out	4
D W Varney not out	0
Extras (b 2, n-b 2)	4
Total (no wkt, 5 overs)	8

*J Abrahams, D P Hughes, N H Fairbrother, †C Maynard, J Simmons, D J Makinson, I Folley, P J W Allott and L L McFarlane to bat
Bonus points (to date): Northamptonshire 4, Lancashire 1.
Umpires. J A Jameson and N T Plews.

Butcher's chanceless hundred

Alan Butcher, Surrey's acting captain, scored a chanceless unbeaten 117 to enable his side to declare at 300 for five against Glamorgan at the Oval yesterday.

It was Butcher's first championship century of the season – he also took a hundred off the Welsh county last year.

He hit one six and 15 fours in a stay of 193 minutes and his innings was in sharp contrast to that of another left hander, Clinton, who battled 250 minutes for a dour 65.

After Holmes had taken his first championship wicket of the season by bowling Knight, Butcher joined Clinton in a third wicket stand of 95, but his most aggressive partner was Needham, with whom he added 66 in ten overs.

Glamorgan replied with 28 without loss in 15 overs before the close.

Alvin Kallicharran scored his fourth county championship century of the season and Amiss completed his first before Warwick against Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston.

Kallicharran batted for 220 minutes for his 116, which included 18 fours and a six, and shared in a second wicket stand of 119 with David Smith (41) before helping Amiss to add 58 for the third wicket.

When Kallicharran was out, Amiss found a willing partner in Humage, who helped him put on another 90 in 24 overs for the fourth wicket before Humpage was out for 42.

Amiss, dropped by Hendrick at first slip when only three, was 100 not out when the declaration came. He reached his 100 in 165 minutes and hit 17 bounderies on the way. His second fifty took only 41 minutes.

Nottinghamshire faced a difficult 15 overs before the close but Broad and Robinson survived ended the day on 27 without loss.

Somerset were all out for 136 in 58.2 overs against Hampshire at Southampton. After a series of early setbacks Somerset lost their seventh wicket in the third over after lunch when Lloyds (33) was caught by Smith at wide mid-on as he mistimed a pull off Reifer.

Gary Palmer put up the 100 in the 45th over, but Reifer gained a well deserved success at 135, when he took a fine return catch to remove Gard for 14.

With only one run added Connor sent Dredge's off stump flying.

Gloucestershire were dismissed for 162 by Oxford University at the Parks, the lowest score by a county at Oxford this season.

Prichard's panache revives Essex

By Peter Marson

WORCESTER: Worcestershire, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 260 behind Essex.

Essex made a hideous beginning yesterday yet survived to appear comfortably off by the close. Paul Prichard, aged 19, batted impressively to make 86 in close on five hours on his first appearance in a championship match.

It was sunny and pleasantly warm when Fletcher won the toss, and his swiftness in making up his mind implied a confident selection. What followed shattered that confidence, though, for in the course of the first dozen overs Ellcock and Pridgeon skimmed off the cream in Essex's batting with a panache and to such obvious delight that the champion county wobbled on the brink at 22 for 4.

Ellcock, the 18-year-old Barbadian fast-medium bowler, delivered the initial blow with the score 10 when Gladwin, playing a trifle airily to the onside, was yorked.

A triumphant shout then signalled Gooch's passing to a good catch behind off Pridgeon, and with McEwan falling leg-before in the eighth over Ellcock's tally was an impressive one of three for three in 17 balls. Ellcock's pace and his ability to make the ball hurry off a damp, safe pitch had given Worcestershire a definite, if unexpected edge.

It was unfortunate that they failed fully to exploit their advantage and d'Oliveira's dropping of a catch offered by Hardie – later to steer Essex away from trouble – off Ellcock's bowling was an expensive error. Not that that was to deter Ellcock who promptly had Fletcher taken behind.

Prichard, a home grown product from Billericay, whose promise as a schoolboy has been confirmed in the county's second eleven, was admirably upright and unruffled as he fended off Ellcock. Following a thorough 20-minute examination he felt confident enough to move onto the back foot and punch Inchmore through cover point for his first three runs. Hardie gave the fifth wicket partnership the necessary stability with 67 runs from 38 overs.

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch c Humphries b Pridgeon	7
C Gladwin b Ellcock	7
*K W R Fletcher c Humphries b Ellcock	1
K S McEwan l-b-w b Ellcock	0
B R Hardie b Ellcock	46
P J Prichard c d'Oliveira b Patel	86
N Phillip b Inchmore	10
S Turner run out	21
†D E East c McEvoy b Patel	63
J K Lever run out	4
D L Acfield not out	0
Extras (b 7, l-b 10, w 2, n-b 2)	21
Total	266

Score at 100 overs: 219 for 8
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–10, 2–14, 3–15, 4–22, 5–89, 6–120, 7–167, 8–209, 9–257, 10–266.
BOWLING: Pridgeon 29-14-33-1, Ellcock 25-6-62-4; Inchmore 21-4-65-1, Patel 23.2-6-40-2; P Newport 14-4-45-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P J Newport not out	6
M J Weston not out	0
Total (no wkt, 1 over)	6

M S A McEvoy, *P A Neale, D N Patel, D B d'Oliveira, D A Banks, †D J Humphries, J D Inchmore, R M Ellcock and A P Pridgeon to bat.
Bonus points (to date): Worcestershire 3, Essex 2.
Umpires: D G L Evans and P J Eele.

Barclay's decision to field backfires

By Richard Streeton

SHEFFIELD: Sussex, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 324 runs behind Yorkshire.

Mendis and Green, not without several alarms, came safely through the final eight overs for Sussex after Yorkshire had declared at 342 for eight. Love, with 61, was top scorer in a Yorkshire innings which gathered momentum as the day progressed.

These are troubled times in South Yorkshire and there were many in a large crowd, grateful, no doubt, to escape briefly from life's harsher realities and relax in an ideal setting. The Abbeydale Park field and surrounding woods were at their greenest and most lush in brilliant sunshine.

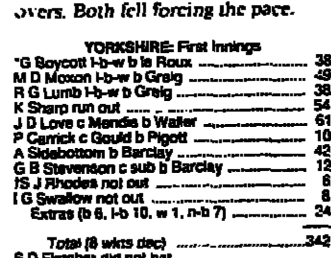
During the day one of the better cricket quiz questions surfaced, revolving around whether Sussex had played on the ground before. The answer was yes – but not against Yorkshire. Sussex were the visitors in 1946 when Derbyshire used this ground once.

A slightly damp wicket prompted Barclay to give Yorkshire first innings. Although the seam bowlers received some assistance, the decision soon became questionable. Boycott and Moxon were not separated until the last over before lunch and everybody down the order went on to make some runs.

Moxon and Sharp batted with more confidence than their seniors. Boycott and Lumb, in the first half of the day: Love and Sidebottom had a smoother passage later, as they took Yorkshire past 300, when the pitch had lost its early life. Greig and le Roux bowled the best line in the Sussex attack.

Boycott, leading Yorkshire in Bairstow's absence, was trapped in front of his stumps immediately after lunch but Sharp, once he settled down, began to drive with a delightfully full flourish of the bat on both sides of the wicket. A promising innings ended when he cut a ball backward of point and failed to beat Greig's throw to Barclay at the bowler's end.

Lumb was leg-before to Greig and Carrick caught behind but Love and Sidebottom then added 85 in 23 overs. Both fell forcing the pace.



YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*G Boycott l-b-w b le Roux	38
M D Moxon l-b-w b Greig	49
R G Lumb l-b-w b Greig	38
K Sharp run out	54
J D Love c Mendis b Waller	61
P Carrick c Gould b Pigott	10
A Sidebottom b Barclay	42
G B Stevenson c sub b Barclay	12
†S J Rhodes not out	6
I G Swallow not out	8
Extras (b 6, l-b 10, w 1, n-b 7)	24
Total (8 wkts dec)	342

S D Fletcher did not bat
Score at 100 over: for 8
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–96, 2–102, 3–189, 4–200, 5–226, 6–311, 7–327, 8–328.
BOWLING: le Roux 20-4-49-1; Pigott 18-3-58-1, Greig 21-4-61-2; D M Wells 19-7-51-0; Waller 17-4-49-1; Barclay 11-0-50-2.

SUSSEX: First Innings

G D Mendis not out	12
A M Green not out	12
Extras (b 1, l-b 2, w 1)	4
Total (no wkt, 8 overs)	28

*J R T Barclay, P W G Parker, C M Wells, A P Wells, I A Greig, †I J Gould, G S le Roux, C E Waller and A C S Pigott to bat.
Bonus points: (to date): Yorkshire 4, Sussex 3.
Umpires: A G T Whitehead and J Birkenshaw.

Kapil Dev could make debut for Worcestershire

Worcestershire hope to have Kapil Dev fit for his first championship appearance in the match against Glamorgan at Swansea on Saturday. The Indian Test captain who joined Worcestershire from Northamptonshire during the winter, had missed the first five weeks of the season because of muscle wastage in his right leg.

● Advance ticket sales for the final England v West Indies Test match at The Oval from August 9-14 have now reached £100,000.

Reserved tickets at prices ranging from £6.50 to £11 are available from the Ticket Office, Surrey County Cricket Club.

Today's cricket

Texaco Trophy
OLD TRAFFORD: England v West Indies (10.45)
County Championship (11.0)
SOUTHAMPTON: Hamshire v Somerset
DARTFORD: Kent v Middlesex
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Glamorgan
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire b Nottinghamshire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Essex
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Sussex
Other Match
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Gloucestershire (11.30 to 6.30)
Second Championship
Burton-on-Trent: Derbyshire v Leicestershire; Cardiff: Glamorgan v Lancashire; Teddington: Middlesex v Kent; Collingham: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire; Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire; Banstead: Surrey v Hampshire.

Butcher leads Middlesex recovery

By Marcus Williams

DARTFORD: Kent, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 308 runs behind Middlesex.

A Century by Roland Butcher, his second in succession at Dartford, came to Middlesex's rescue after they had been put in on a damp pitch by Kent yesterday. They suffered an early collapse but reached 310 as the wicket proved to have few gremlins and little pace.

The foundations of the Middlesex total were laid by the contrasting batting of Butcher and Radley, who put on 159 in 50 overs after three wickets had fallen in the forties. Butcher, with flowing strokes through the off side, especially on the back foot, and an occasional lusty pull or sweep, hit 18 fours in a three-hour stay: Radley, with the effective nudges and deflections he has perfected over the years, had fours and batted 215 minutes for 61.

The nearest point of similarity was their stance, for Butcher, who now flexes his knees in time with the raising of his bat, crouched almost as low as Radley.

Barlow had launched the day by driving the first ball from Jarvis straight for four in a series of fluent strokes against the new ball. Underwood, fresh from his seven wickets the previous day, was on for the eighth over, but it was Johnson, his replacement after four overs, who found Barlow's outside edge and Alderman, at first slip, took the first of four excellent catches low down.

Only five runs cane off the next eight overs and Underwood's return accounted for Slack, beaten in the flight and playing on. A fine catch off his own bowling by Alderman removed Tomlins and at 48 for three 35 minutes before lunch Tavaré's decision looked the decision looked the right one. By the time Butcher played back to a full-length ball from Woolmer and was bowled in the last over before tea with total at 207, the picture had changed dramatically.



Butcher (left) and Radley: provided fascinating contrast

Radley, trying to hit Underwood through mid-wicket, lobbed a catch to short third man, but Emburey and Edmonds added 54 in 12 overs to bring Middlesex a third batting point before Alderman, with an even better return catch, and Jarvis wrapped up the last five wickets for 17 runs with the new ball. Emburey hit Underwood for a straight six on to the awning of the mayor's tent; a six by Edmonds off Penn, the seventh Kent bowler, lodged in a pavilion drainpipe.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

G D Barlow c Alderman b Johnson	24
W N Slack b Underwood	17
K P Tomlins c and b Alderman	2
R O Butcher b Woolmer	104
C T Radley c Ellison b Underwood	61
*J E Emburey c and b Alderman	46
P H Edmonds not out	35
†P R Downton c Johnson b Jarvis	0
K D James c Alderman b Jarvis	2
N F Williams b Jarvis	0
W W Daniel b Jarvis	5
Extras (b4, l-b2, w1, n-b8)	5
Total	310

Score at 100 overs: 276 for 5
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–41, 2–48, 3–48, 4–207, 5–239, 6–293, 7–294, 8–300, 9–300, 10–310.
BOWLING: Jarvis 14-0-68-4; Alderman 17-3-58-2; Underwood 32-14-49-2; Ellison 18-6-35-0; Johnson 13-3-34-1; Woolmer 9-1-25-1; Penn 6-0-29-0.

KENT: First Innings

R A Woolmer not out	1
N R Taylor not out	0
Extras (n-b1)	2
Total (no wkt, 5 overs)	

*C J Tavaré, D G Aslett, G W Johnson, †A P E Knott, R M Ellison, C Penn, D L Underwood, T M Alderman and K B S Jarvis to bat.
Bonus points: (to date): Middlesex 3, Kent 2
Umpires: C Cook and M J Kitchen

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Warwicks v Notts

AT EDGBASTON

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

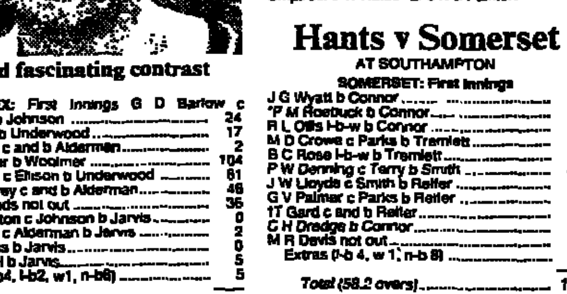
K D Smith c French b Hendrick	41
P A Smith c Pick b Rice	18
*A I Kallicharran c French b Hemmings	116
D L Amiss not out	100
†G W Humpage c Hadlee b Hemmings	42
Asif Din not out	10
Extras (l-b 11)	11
Total (4 wkts dec, 99 overs)	338

A M Ferreira, C Lethbridge, C M Old, G C Small and N Gifford did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–22, 2–141, 3–199, 4–289.
BOWLING: Hadlee 17–3–40–0; Rice 14–4–39–1; Saxelby 18–3–59–0; Hendrick 10–4–14–1; Hemmings 27–6–90–2; Pick 15–1–85–0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad not out	16
R T Robinson not out	10
Extras (l-b 1)	1
Total (no wkts, 15 overs)	27

B Hassan, *C E B Rice, J D Birch, r J Hadlee, †B N French, R A Pick, E E Hemmings, K Saxelby and M Hendrick to bat.
Bonus points (to date): Warwickshire 4, Nottinghamshire 1.
Umpires: J W Holder and K E Palmer.



Hants v Somerset

AT SOUTHAMPTON

SOMERSET: First Innings

J G Wyatt b Connor	3
*P M Roebuck b Connor	15
R L Ollis l-b-w b Connor	0
M D Crowe c Parks b Tremlett	3
B C Rose l-b-w b Tremlett	0
P W Denning c Terry b Smith	33
J W Lloyds c Smith b Reifer	33
G V Palmer c Parks b Reifer	22
†T Gard c and b Reifer	14
C H Dredge b Connor	0
M R Davis not out	0
Extras (l-b 4, w 1, n-b 8)	13
Total (58.2 overs)	136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–9, 2–13, 3–25, 4–25, 5–25, 6–89, 7–94, 8–135, 9–136, 10–136.
BOWLING: Reifer 21.2–4–65–3; Connor 19–7–31–4; Tremlett 13–7–19–2; Cowley 4–1–6–0; Smith 1–0–2–1.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry not out	56
C L Smith c Crowe b Dredge	24
M C J Nicholas b Dredge	65
†R J Parks l-b-w b Dredge	0
T E Jesty not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 9, w 1, n-b 5)	16
Total (3 wkts, 55 overs)	161

D R Turner, *N E Pocock, N G Cowley, T M Tremlett, E L Reifer and C A Connor to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–43, 2–153, 3–161.
Bonus points (to date): Hampshire 5, Somerset 1
Umpires: B J Meyer and R Palmer.

Surrey v Glamorgan

THE OVAL

SURREY: First Innings

G S Clinton c Selvey b Ontong	65
D B Pauline c Davies b Barwick	47
R D V Knight b Holmes	18
*A R Butcher not out	117
M A Lynch c Steele b Davis	18
A Needham	26
†C J Richards not out	4
Extras (l-b 4, w 1)	5
Total (5 wkts dec, 98.5 overs)	300

D J Thomas, M A Feltham, S T Clarke and P I Pocock did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–92, 2–93, 3–188, 4–229, 5–295.
BOWLING: Davis 24-10-55-1; Barwick 14-3-49-1; Selvey 13-3-42-0; Holmes 11-3-26-1; Ontong 16.5-1-61-2; Steele 20-4-62-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

J A Hopkins, not out	4
A L Jones, not out	18
Extras (l-b 1, w 4, n-b 1)	6
Total (no wkt, 15 overs)	28

R C Ontong, Younis Ahmed, S P Henderson, J F Steele, G C Holmes, †T Davies, W W Davis, S R Barwick and *M W W Selvey to bat.
Bonus point (to date): Surrey 4, Glamorgan 2.
Umpires: B Dudleston and B Leadbeater.

Oxford Univ v Gloucs

THE PARKS

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P W Romaines run out	55
C W Athey b Hayes	28
P Bainbridge l-b-w b Hayes	4
A J Wright c Toogood b Carr	49
*D A Graveney c and b Carr	5
C Dale b Carr	2
†A J Brassington b Carr	0
J H Childs c Carr b Lawrence	2
D V Lawrence c Mee b Carr	5
G E Sainsbury not out	0
Extras (b 8, l-b 1)	9
Total	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–57, 2–61, 3–137, 4–146, 5–149, 6–155, 7–155, 8–158, 9–162, 10–162.
BOWLING: Thorne 13–2–26–0; Turnbull 7–1–3–0; Hayes 10–4–19–2; Carr 28.2–12–57–5; Lawrence 13–6–29–2.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R M Edbrooke c Brassington b Lawrence	1
W R Bristowe c Romaines b Graveney	13
G J Toogood c Bainbridge b Graveney	3
J D Carr b Childs	1
*K A Hayes b Graveney	36
D A Thorne st Brassington b Graveney	0
†J G Franks c Athey b Dale	0
A A G Mee not out	0
Extras (b 1, n-b 1)	2
Total (7 wkts)	56

S Hewitt, M P Lawrence and J R Turnbull to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2, 2–12, 3–19, 4–23, 5–35, 6–56, 7–56.
Umpires: J H Harris and A A Jones.

TENNIS

Execution lets down Dickson but Noah is kept in trim

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

Last year's singles champions, Chris Lloyd and Yannick Noah, and this year's favourite for the men's title, John McEnroe, all embellished the centre court on the third day of the French championships. Tuesday's rain gave way to unrelieved sunshine – and long hours of stress and sweat, heartache and elation.

Mrs Lloyd, disguised by her racy 1984 coiffure and an all-blue outfit, conceded only one game to Heidi Eisterlehner (Germans of both sexes seem to be all over the place). Noah was given a worrying five-set match by Mark Dickson, of Florida, who somehow managed to be both meticulous and unpredictable.

McEnroe, diligent but hinting at boredom ("wake me up when this is over"), had a useful workout with a qualifier from Argentina, Horacio de la Rena, aged 17, who plays rather like Guillermo Vilas – but without the muscles. De la Pena enjoyed himself. He was out there in the sunshine playing the best player in the world in front of a sympathetic crowd who flirted with the stadium's 16,500 capacity. This was good fun for a qualifier.

Of these matches the only one worth much comment was Noah's. At times he looked haunted. Inevitably, he bears a greater weight of expectation than he did last year. But Noah reckons he is "in better shape" and this superb athlete looks even more intimidating and business-like since he let the barber loose on the affectation of dreadlocks.

Dickson is an affable man and a thoughtfully powerful player. He played a fine match but the conception of his tennis was more consistently admirable than its execution. As usual, Dickson's serving ritual was irritating. He shuffled shale off the baseline, tapped shale off each shoe in turn, then bounced the ball between 10 and 16 times while fiddling with a yellow-and-white baseball cap. The eventual service was as startling as a fire alarm in the middle of a church service. In his gentle way Noah admitted that the ritual bothered him: "Yes, it's a little annoying."

Juan Anguilera of Barcelona, who beat Noah, Vilas and Henrik Sundstrom to win the recent German championship, came within two points of defeat before beating Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia. They played on a row of tree-lined outside courts previously adorned by two exciting young women, Steffi Graf and Raffaella Reggi, aged fourteen and eighteen.

Miss Reggi is particularly striking. She quivers with nervous energy, as if permanently subject to a mild electric shock. Tackically, she is briskly business like.

Michelle Torres, aged sixteen, who comes from Illinois but has Mexican blood, beat the ninth seed, Helena Sukova. The sixteenth seed, Ivanna Madruga, was beaten by a German qualifier, Petra Keppeler, aged 19, whose next opponent will be Anne Hobbs, of Britain. Two British losers were Virginia Wade, aged 38, who mischievously took a set from Virginia Ruzici, and Annabel hard-hitting Laura Arraya.

Court 10 was unapproachable for much of the afternoon. Kathy Jordan, seeded fifth, took three hours and forty minutes to win 7-5, 4-6, 13-11, against Anne Minter, who came within two points of beating her. Indeed, the tournament computer briefly announced that Miss Minter had won the third set 7-5: and Loic Courteau and Peter Fleming were promptly summoned to the court. Then the summons was cancelled and the computer reprimanded. What with one thing and another, it was quite a day.

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GOLF

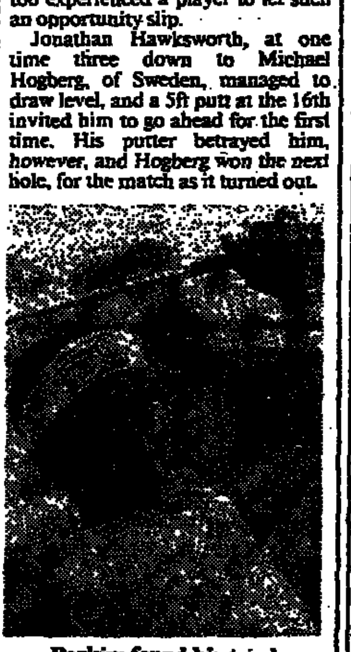
Europeans stage late rally

By John Hennessy

The Continent of Europe made a remarkable recovery in the singles on the first day of the biennial St Andrews Trophy competition at Saunton yesterday. Having shared the morning foursomes, they lost the first four matches recorded in the afternoon singles and seemed sure to be carrying a heavy millstone today. In the event they won three of the remaining matches and shared the last, when Andrea Canessa, of Italy, had to settle for a half against Angus Moir of Scotland.

Canessa had been two down for most of the match, but he suddenly sprang ahead at the 15th. Moir came back, however, and it was he who drove off first at the last needing a hal for the match. He came up short, gave Canessa the opening and the Italian, the only surviving member of either side from two years ago, is too experienced a player to let such an opportunity slip.

Jonathan Hawksworth, at one time three down to Michael Hogberg, of Sweden, managed to draw level, and a 5ft putt at the 16th invited him to go ahead for the first time. His putter betrayed him, however, and Hogberg won the next hole, for the match as it turned out.


Parkin: found his touch

George Macgregor, at one time three down similarly pulled his way back by winning the eighth and the ninth, but Frank Schlig, of Germany, refused to yield any further.

These sudden convulsions tended to overshadow the excellent golf of the four British Isles winners, particularly Garth McGimpsey, of Ireland, who was three under par in his encounter with Tore Sviland, of Sweden. Philip Parkin, renowned after his victory in the Amateur Championship last year and his heroic deeds in the United States university competitions early this year, was hardly recognizable in the morning foursomes but he began to find his touch during the afternoon

FOURSOMES (British and Irish names first): C Laurence and P McEvoy bt T Sviland (Nor) and J Rasmussen (Den) 4 and 3; A Muir and P Parkin lost to A Binaghi and A Canessa (It) 3 and 2; J Hawksworth and G MacGregor lost to J-M Olazabal and I Gervas (Spa) 3 and 2; G McGimpsey and A Sherborne bt M Hogberg and F Lindgren (Swe) 2 and 1. Foursome result: Great Britain and Ireland 2, Continent of Europe 2.
SINGLES: Parkin bt Rasmussen 5 and 4; Laurence bt Binaghi 3 and 2; McEvoy bt Olazabal 2 and 1; McGimpsey bt Sviland 4 and 3; T Corridan lost to Gervas 5 and 4; MacGregor lost to F Schlig (WG) 2 and 1; Hawksworth lost to Hogberg 1 hole; Moir halved with Canessa.
Singles result: Great Britain and Ireland 4½, Continent of Europe 3½. Match position: GB and Ireland 5½, Europe 5½.

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ROWING

Oriel move away from pursuers

By Jim Railton

Oriel, the head crew, opened up three lengths on their immediate pursuers, Christ Church, on the opening day of the Oxford Summer Eights yesterday. There were four bumps in Division One.

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I Oriel, Christ Church, Magdalen, New College, St Edmund Hall, Keble, Worcester, Balliol, Exeter, Pembroke, University, Wadham
II Lincoln, Trinity, St John's, Oriel House, Oriel II, Queen's, Brasenose, Merton, Jesus, Corpus Christi, Hertford, St Catherine's
III Keble II, Christ Church II, St Peter's, Mansfield, Pembroke II, Wolfson, University II, Lincoln II, Oriel III, St Edmund Hall II, Balliol II, Worcester II
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VII Lady Margaret Hall II, New College III, Keble V, Wolfson II, Linacre II, Pembroke IV, Hertford III, Brasenose III, Corpus Christi III, Oriel V, St John's III, St Catherine's III
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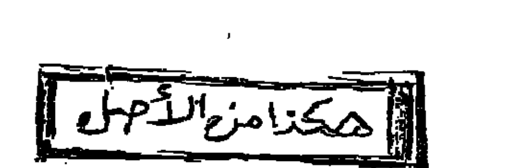
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I St Hugh's, Lady Margaret Hall, Osler House, Jesus, St Catherine's, Somerville, Worcester, St Hugh's II, St Hilda's, Wadham, St Anne's, Keble
II Wolfson, Corpus Christi, Linacre, Pembroke, Hertford, New College, Brasenose, Lincoln, Balliol, Lady Margaret Hall II, Trinity, Somerville II
III University, St Hugh's III, St Hilda's II, Christ Church, Queen's, St Edmund Hall, Trinity II, Jesus II, St Catherine's II, Mansfield, Brasenose II, St Hugh's IV
IV Magdalen, Keble II, Merton, Wolfson II, St Hilda's III, Jesus III, New College II, St Hilda's IV, St John's, St Peter's, St Anne's II, Hertford II, Lincoln II

ICE HOCKEY

Tretiak decides to retire

Moscow (Reuter) – Vladislav Tretiak, widely regarded as the best goalminder in the history of ice hockey, has announced his retirement, the Soviet News Agency TASS said yesterday.

Tretiak, 32, played for the Soviet Union side for 15 years during which time he won 10 world championship titles, three Olympic gold medals, a silver and two "Golden Stick" awards as European player of the year. Before the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, earlier this year he was reported to have been offered a three-year £1m contract to play in the North American Hockey League. Now, however, it is reported that he has decided to take up coaching. Tretiak first played hockey when he was 11.



SWIMMING

Faith, hope and flexibility from Britain's selectors

By Athole Still

Britain's Olympic swimming team selectors have based their hopes on youth and their faith in experience in naming their party of 34 swimmers and divers for the Games in Los Angeles. The faith is in Philip Hubble, the Commonwealth champion and Moscow silver medallist who was by no means an automatic selection after his performances in the Olympic trials in Coventry at the weekend, and in Andy Astbury (Leeds), a fine performer at top level who also failed to win a trials final outright.

In their selection of 13-year-old Zara Long (Beckenham) in the 200 metres individual medley, and Katherine Read (Norwich Penquins), aged 14, in the 200 metres backstroke, they have invested wisely in the future.

Miss Long, who is not 14 until the end of November, will be the youngest ever British swimmer to take part in the Olympics. She has the potential to become one of the world's leading competitors. Taught to swim by her coach Bill Penny five years ago at the pool 100 yards from her home in Forest Hill, in South London, she is unlike other swimming prodigies who have been brought up on heavy workloads

Penny, an outstanding coach of young swimmers, has placed much more emphasis on the basic techniques of all four strokes

The team reflects the welcome advances in British coaching over the past few years. Keith Bewley has six of his Wigan Wasps in the team although he himself is not on the coaching staff of the official party and will be in considerable difficulties in trying to help in Los Angeles. Paul Hickson, the City of Swansea coach who helped in the early development of Katherine Read, has Paul Easter, Neil Cochrane and David Stacey in the party, but will have few problems since he is one of the official coaches.

In their selection of Hubble and Astbury the selectors have shown both flexibility and wisdom. Hubble is named as first choice for the 200 metres butterfly, for which he holds the British record, although he could only place third behind Nicholas Hodgson and Stephen Poulter, both Wigan Wasps, in the trials. Poulter, dropped from the event, will find consolation in his selection for the 400 metres individual medley. Hubble is a big occasion competitor

Astbury has also been named as first choice for the 400 metres freestyle alongside Paul Howe, of Millfield School. Astbury, another world class performer, could only finish fourth in Coventry and was forced to resort to a virtual time trial over the first 400 metres of the 1500 metres freestyle event to prove his superiority.



Proven performers: Hubble (left) and Astbury

BRITISH OLYMPIC SWIMMING TEAM

MEN: 100 metres FREESTYLE: D Lowe, P Easter; 200m FREESTYLE: A Astbury, P Easter; 400 FREESTYLE: Astbury, P Howe; 1500m FREESTYLE: D Stacey; 100m BACKSTROKE: N Harper; 200m BACKSTROKE: Harper, N Cochran; 100m BREASTSTROKE: A Moorhouse, I Campbell; 200m BREASTSTROKE: Moorehouse, Campbell; 100 BUTTERFLY: A Jameson; 200m BUTTERFLY: N Hodgson, P Hubble; 200m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: Cochran, R Brew; 400m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: S Poulter, S Willmott; 4 x 100m FREESTYLE RELAY: Lowe, Easter, R Burrell, R Lee. 4 x 200m FREESTYLE RELAY: Easter, Astbury, Cochran, Howe; 4 x 100m MEDLEY RELAY: to be selected.

WOMEN: 100m freestyle: J Croft, N Fibbens. 200m freestyle: Croft, A Cripps. 400m freestyle: Croft, S Hardcastle. 800m freestyle: Hardcastle, Cripps. 100m backstroke: C White. 200m backstroke: K Read. 100m breaststroke: S Bowman. 200m breaststroke: S Brownsdon, G Stanley. 100m butterfly: A Osgerby, Fibbens. 200m butterfly: Osgerby. 200m individual medley: Z Long, Stanley. 400m individual medley: Hardcastle, Stanley. 4 x 100m freestyle: Croft, Fibbens, Cripps, D Gore. 4 x 100m medley relay: To be selected.

DIVING: Men's highboard: C Snode, R Morgan. Women's highboard: L Fraser. Men's springboard: Snode, N Stanton. Women's springboard: A Childs.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING: C Wilson and C Holmyard. Reserve to travel: A Dodd.

GOLF

Langer's absence gives Clark an edge

By Mitchell Platts

Howard Clark moves into the Jersey Open today convinced that he is now on the threshold of achieving in the 1980s what he failed to do in the 1970s.

The fair-haired Yorkshireman has rocketed to the top of the Order of Merit with his two convincing triumphs in the Madrid Open and PGA championship. So with £52,945 from five performances, he has a clear lead over Bernhard Langer, his nearest rival (£30,039).

Back in 1978, Clark scored two early successes and he led the Order of Merit through to the Open championship. Then he suffered a decline, which has taken five years for him to arrest, but on this occasion he intends only to keep moving forward.

His prospects of capturing the £10,000 first prize over the La Moye course appeared to improve when anxious officials, eager to establish the whereabouts of Langer, telephoned his mother in Munich and learned that he was competing in the German national championship.

That mystery arose because Langer had been included in the draw after indicating on the starter's sheet at Wentworth that he would be playing in Jersey. Even Clark, who competed every day with Langer during the PGA championship, said: "As far as I understand from Bernhard, his intention was to play here. But he might have said Germany, not Jersey."

Clark, however, would be the first to confess that Langer's absence will improve his own opportunity of winning this title. Yet, with five of the leading 10 in the order of merit playing, including Sandy Lyle, Clark will need to maintain his golf at the highest level to gain his third success of the season.

Lyle emphasized in 1979 that he has the ability to handle the 6,743-yard Cliff Top course by gaining his first ever European success in the Jersey Open. The Scot is fourth in the order of merit with £25,730 and so he will be particularly keen to win again and reduce his deficit with Clark.

Britain's top middleweights sit this one out

Man with the quick-step is led a merry dance

The dancing feet of Herol Graham that ran rings round 26 opponents, winning him the British European and Commonwealth light-middleweight titles and a place in the top 10 in the world, are making life difficult for him. Ever since he gave up the titles, on account of being unable to make the limit, and moved up a division, he had found that the top British middleweights do not want to know him. All because of his light-fantastic feet. "He does not stand and fight," they say. "He runs," they say.

When the British Boxing Board of Control recently decreed that Graham should box Britain's most exciting world championship prospect, Errol Christie, in a British title eliminator, Christie's manager Burt McCarthy said: "Graham hasn't proved himself as a middleweight. He wouldn't draw a crowd." Christie stepped back and allowed the Sheffield boxer to take his No 1 place in the British rankings.

Tony Sibson, the European champion, and Mark Kaylor, the British and Commonwealth champion, too, have ignored Graham's call for title bouts. Suddenly the top names seem to have disappeared from the scene on legs faster even then Graham's.

Graham's manager, Brendan Ingle, supplied the answer. "It's because Herol will make them look bad. They know that. Herol's style is too awkward for them. He is very skilful; he can box orthodox and southpaw, like Hagler and Don Lee and Buster Drayton. You know what Hagler and Lee did to Sibson. And what Drayton did to Kaylor.

"Herol will stand Sibson, Kaylor and Christie on their heads, that's why they don't want to know. That's why Christie and his manager Burt McCarthy are ducking and diving. We'll fight Christie in his own back yard, in Coventry, if he wants it."

The move to middleweight has proved costly for Graham. He lost a chance to make £100,000 from five bouts that had been lined up for him, and now with the middleweights "running scared" he has been without a contest for almost six months.

But so sold are they in Sheffield on Graham's feet that 10 local business have come forward to back 'Bomber' Graham, with money for him to challenoe Sibson or Kaylor. They are also backing Ingle's No 1 British light-middleweight, Brian Anderson, to take on Jimmy Cable, the British champion. "Winner take all, or £10,000 sidestake," a full page advertisement in *Boxing News* announced recently. Ingle listed in the challenge nine middleweights Graham had beaten when he was a light-middle, Glen McEwan and Tony Nelson among them.

The superior silence from the managers concerned might have made a less resilient man that Ingle feel that life was conspiring to pass him by just as surely as the traffic on the M1 flyover that all but casts a shadow on his St Thomas's church hall gym in Wincobank, Sheffield.

But the Dubliner, who came to the steel city 26 years ago and started the Sheffield School of Boxing at the church hall, has learned patience working with children in a tough industrial neighbourhood.

Now that neither Kaylor nor Sibson are the force they were a year ago, the Irishman believes that by the end of the year the British title should be in the church hall, and not many months later the European.

"Then we shall try for Hagler," he said. "Herol has the style to beat Hagler." Before I could catch my breath, Ingle said, "Name me an unbeaten British fighter who won the world title. Minter? Stracey? Watt? Hope? They were all beaten before becoming world champions. Herol is unbeaten. He has got to be better than those four." There is no denying Ingle's logic. There could be a world middleweight champion in that "clean, well-lighted place" between the gas tanks and the cooling towers

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Boxing Correspondent



Touching moment: Herol Graham is prepared for the ring by his manager Brendan Ingle (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

RUGBY UNION

Midfield players miss training

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Port Elizabeth

England will name their side to play South Africa this morning, after a day when three of their midfield players were unable to train. The tour party made the half-hour flight from East London to Port Elizabeth yesterday and went straight from the airport to train at the Boet Erasmus stadium, where they will play the Springboks in the first international on Saturday.

However, Davies, the Wasps' stand-off half, who seems likely to play centre in the international, went straight to the team's hotel after an attack of influenza. Dodge and Burnhill both did some circuit training, but it has been confirmed that the former will not play again on tour and the latter is still frustrated by the injured knee which he sustained before the tour even began.

Dodge will have a second x-ray on his ankle when he returns to Leicester to see if the spur of bone which prevents him from playing has grown. A minor operation to remove the unwanted growth will probably ensue. His case is perhaps slightly less annoying than Burnhill's who, at 20, has his way to make in international rugby and is understandably annoyed that a comparatively minor strain is preventing him from making progress.

Scott, who will probably play in all the tour matches, is training in a very limited way but those who saw him on tour in Argentina three years ago – when developing ankle problems effectively stopped him from training at all – recall that his play was outstanding.

The South African squad also gathered in Port Elizabeth yesterday and trained at the local university

TABLE TENNIS

A glimmer of hope for Prean

From a Special Correspondent
Hongkong

Carl Prean created a glimmer of light for himself in the Norwich Union Masters here yesterday. The 16-year-old from the Isle of Wight led Jan-Ove Waldner, the European Top 12 champion, 18-16 in the first game and his eventual 21-18, 21-16 defeat to the Swede nevertheless raised some hopes that he may have a chance of making the cut for the top eight places.

A sudden fusillade of forehand loops from the Swede at 18-all enabled him to sneak away with the first game and in the second he kept his nose in front all the way. Prean now has to beat Patrick Birocheau, of France, today, to have a chance of qualifying.

RESULTS: A Grubba (Pol) bt P Renverse (Fr), 21-16, 21-14; Chan Kong Wah (Hong) bt U Carlsson (Swe), 21-15, 15-21, 21-18; J-O Waldner (Swe) bt C Prean (GB), 21-18, 21-16; X Saika (China) bt L Kucharski (Pol), 21-15, 21-8; Chen Long-Can (China) bt Carlsson, 21-18, 14-21, 21-9; P Birocheau (Fr), bt Waldner, 21-17, 14-21, 23-21.

CYCLING

Elliott surrenders lead to Zinoviev

By John Wilcockson

After losing his yellow jersey on the third stage of the Milk Race yesterday, Malcolm Elliott could offer no excuse for missing the breakaway which led to a takeover of the leading places by the Soviet and Swedish teams.

Surrounded by a circle of pressmen, Elliott could only say: "I guess I can't climb as well as could. I'm too heavy, it's as simple as that."

The hilly 110-mile stage from Great Malvern to Swansea was won by Jiri Travnicek of Czechoslovakia, who out-sprinted eight others some two minutes before Elliott arrived in a small chasing group.

With the leaders, but only just, was Alexander Zinoviev, of the Soviet Union, who has taken the overall lead with 24 seconds advantage over Stefan Brykt, of Sweden, who was the man of the day.

As on Tuesday, it was Brykt who started every key move. His lone attack on the tumble and climb, 47 miles into the stage, caused the field to split asunder, with Elliott showing the first signs of his fallibility. The professional from Sheffield topped the climb 40 seconds in arrears, and had to chase hard on the escent to rejoin the 10 leaders. But 15 miles later he was again in trouble.

Brykt raced clear up a long drag on the Head of the Valleys main road. Zinoviev and his comrade, Oleg Czougeda, responded first, followed by a second Swede, Kjell Nilsson, and Bob Downs, who was covering the move for Elliott. But the yellow jersey was in no position to reply.

Travnicek and Jan van Wijk (Netherlands) jumped across to the five leaders, while Peter Hilse (West Germany) and Neil Martin (GB Amateurs) also made it to the break after long lone chases.

Over the Rhigos mountain into the Rhondda Valley, the lead quickly climbed to three minutes. At the final hill, Brykt again went clear, and as the others looked at each othr Xinoviev momentarily lost his concentration. He touched wheels with Downs, and they both fell, with van Wijk and Travnicek.

THIRD STAGE (Great Malvern to Swansea, 110 miles) 1, J Travnicek (Cz) 4 hrs, 38 mins, 56 sec; 2, O Czougeda (USSR); 3, J van Wijk (Neth); 4, P Hilse (WG); 5, S Brykt (Sw); 6, R Downs (GB Professionals); 7, K Nilsson (Sed Sw) 8 A Zinoviev (USSR); 9 N Martin (GB Amateurs). All same time. 10, S Zmerskov (USSR) 4:42:05.

IN BRIEF

Ovett ill and doubtful for Palace

Steve Ovett may missthe Southern Counties championships at Crystal Palace this weekend because he has bronchitis. Ovett is entered for the 800 metres, while Sebastian Coe opts for the 1500 metres. Other top runners with Olympic hopes are saving themselves for the Olympic trials next week. Neither Coe nor Ovett, however, need to compete in the trials as they have been pre-selected for Los Angeles for the 800 and 1500 metres, respectively, unless they wish to double up.

TENNIS: Roscoe Tanner has been given a wild card into the main draw for the West of England championships at Bristol from June 18 to 23. Tanner, beaten by Bjorn Borg in 1979 Wimbledon final had to miss Bristol last year because of injury. He returned in time to play at Wimbledon last summer when he reached the last 16, beating Mats Wilander on the way.

RUGBY UNION: The French team arrived in Auckland yesterday to begin a four-week, eight-match tour of New Zealand. Their opening game is against Taranaki on Saturday.

MOTOR RALLYING: With only one stage of the Acroplis Rally still to go, the four-wheel drive Audi Quattros, of Stig Blomquist and Hannu Mikkola, look certain to take the top two places. Blomquist, of Sweden, hold a 1:36min lead over the Finn as the rally, the sixth round of the world drivers' championship, had a rest day yesterday.

SECOND STAGE: 1, S Blomquist and B Cederberg (Swe), Audi Quattro, 7hr 14min 53sec; 2, H Mikkola (Fin) and A Hertz (Swe), Audi Quattro, at 1min 40sec; 3, W Rohrl and C Geistdorfer (WG), Audi Quattro, at 7:15; 4, M Alen and I Kulmala (Fin), Lancia, at 9:25; 5, M Biasion and T Siviero (It), Lancia, at 11:47; 6, J-P Nicolas and C Pasquier (Fr), Peugeot 205 at 14:10.

EQUESTRIANISM

Trial of new obstacles

By a Special Correspondent

A bigger and stiffer course welcomed the 118 riders at the popular Barbour Bramham horse trials, now in their twelfth year in the picturesque grounds of Bramham Park, near Wetherby.

The new course covers about three and a half miles of rambling countryside with 24 fences, including some old faithfuls

Forty-four riders and horses set out to contest the international friendly event headed by Capt Mark Phillips, riding Tawny Pipit for Jane Cooper, who is recovering well from a broken pelvis. Captain Phillips will be hoping to continue his run of success, having won at the TI Group Windsor horse trials last weekend and having finished third the weekend before on a borrowed horse in Lexington United States.

Richard Walker rides Globetrotter, twice a winner last year, and successful at Ragley two weeks ago; Jane Holderness Roddam rides Gelert of Wales and Ebony Green; Ian Stark, the rider who did so well at Badminton, and who is on the Olympic shortlist, rides Good News and Marjorie Comerford, Cheal Sport.

Maureen Piggott and Bianca IV with Stark and his other mount Charlie Brown IV, head the advanced class of 42

Short cut to success

By a Special Correspondent

Liz Edgar, on Everest Double Glazing's Everest Forever, won the first jumping competition at the Royal Bath and West Show yesterday, the Cockburns Special Reserve Stakes.

Seven horses reached the barrage over a stiff track in which the treble claimed several victims, Everest Forever was the last to jump and cut all the corners so neatly that his time was only 50.65.

RESULTS: Cockburn Special Reserve Stakes: 1, Everest Double Glazing's Everest Forever, L Edgar; 2, C Rushworth's Ryans Mill, T Newbury; 3, Aegis Ltd's Autumn Folly, P Cargo. Champion Ridden Hunter: South Essex Insurance Borkers' Ltd's Elite; Reserve: Mrs W Woods and N Trevithick's The Senator. Champion Small Hunter Breeding: Mrs J Johnson's Maximorne Conundrum; Reserve, Mrs D M Humdall-Waldron's Kestor. Champion Hunter Breeding: Mr and Mrs J Rose's Mandator; Reserve: Mrs P Powley and Mrs S James's Captain. Champion Arab: Major and Mrs P W S Maxwell's Ghademes; Reserve: Mrs and Mrs P D Hitchings's Majestic Sunburst.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Olympic hopes boosted again

British prospects for the Olympic rifle shooting events, already good, were given a further boost when members of the squad won three of the four team events on the opening day of the Swiss match week at Zurich.

In the three-positions match Malcolm Cooper was only two points short of the world record set by Viktor Vlasov, of the Soviet Union, in the Olympic Games in Moscow.

RESULTS: Team: three-positions: 1, Great Britain (M Cooper 1171, A Allan 1161, B Dagger 1159), 3,491 pts; 2, Norway, 3,476; 3, Sweden, 3,475. STANDING: 1, GB (Cooper 385, Allan 371, Dagger 371), 1127; 2, Sweden, 1125; 3, Switzerland, 1125. KNEELING: GB (Dagger 394, Allan 393, Cooper 389), 1176; 2, Sweden, 1168; 3, Finland, 1162. PRONE: 1, Norway, 1787; 2, Sweden, 1784; 3, GB (M Sullivan 596, Allan 595, Cooper 592), 1783.

TENNIS

Partnership a big hit

There are ways and means of bringing out the best in a partner. In a 12 and under doubles match of the British junior hard court championships, sponsored by Prudential at Craiglockhard, one little lad elected to give his companion a good, sharp hit (Lewine Mair writes).

Far from signalling the end of a happy partnership, the treatment had the desired effect, with the pair concerned – Ashley Cole and Matthew Cox – going on to defeat the second seeded pair.

In the 14 and under boys' singles, the second-seeded Ulrich Nganga was eliminated by James Lenton, a powerful youngster who has about him the same aggressive air as Britain's No 1 junior, Richard Whichello.

BOYS' SINGLES (14 and under): Quarter-finals: C Beecher bt I Nicholas 6-2, 6-1; M Petchey bt J Hunter 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; N Smith bt M Aldridge 7-5, 6-0; J Lenton bt U Nganga 6-4, 7-5.

GIRLS' SINGLES (14 and under): N Enthract bt L Jefferies 6-0, 6-2; M Milsted bt M Mar 6-2, 6-2; J Donovan bt A Gregory 6-3, 6-2; A Hill bt S Peach 6-4, 6-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Win to inspire Britain

North Sydney 8
Great Britain XIII 14

Sydney (Reuter)–Britain produced the best performance of their Australian rugby league tour to score a dogged 14-8 victory over North Sydney at the Sydney cricket ground tonight. They led 14-0 half time and defended impressively to deny North Sydney until the final 12 minutes when the local club side crossed for two tries.

By the end the touring team had tackled themselves to a standstill, the pressure on them having been increased by a 7-3 penalty count adgainst them in the second half.

Andy Goodway, the Oldham second row forward won the A1,000 man-of-the-match award for a great display in which the highlights was his powerful try four minutes before the interval. Britain's other points came from a try by Des Drummond and three goals from Mick Burke.

A meagre growd of 4,000, almost lost in the vast bowl, watched the match, but it was nevertheless a satisfying result for the touring team which kept their unbeaten record intact.

● Brisbane, Queensland (AFP) – The Australian selectors have named eight Queensland players in the side to meet Great Britain in the first rugby league international at the Sydney cricket ground on Saturday week. Queensland's representation comes after their decisive 29 to 12 victory over New South Wales in Tuesday's clash at Brisbane's Lang Park.

AUSTRALIA: G Jack; K Boustead, G Miles, B Kenny, R Conlon; W Lewis, captain, M Murray; R Price, W Pearce, B Niebling, D Brown, G Conescu, G Dowling. Reserves: C Close, C Young.

Salford's choice

Salford Rugby League Club yesterday appointed Kevin Ashcroft as team manager and Tom Grainey as coach. This follows the dismissal of Mike Coulman. Ashcroft left Salford to join Warrington two years ago and Grainey is a former coach with Leigh and Swinton.

HANDBALL

End of a brave challenge

Birkenhead's chance of winning the English National League title died at the weekend, with defeats at home to Liverpool (21-14) and Brentwood '72 (20-17) (Paul Harrison writes). Brentwood, the champions, are two points behind Liverpool, but have games in hand.

Brentwood have found a new home, and will play at Picketts Lock sports centre in Enfield, north London. They and Great Dane, the Southern league club, hope to start a new club in Enfield, to be based at the sports hall.

Wakefield Metros retained their women's title, beating their nearest rivals Robert Jenkins (16-4) and Salford Ladies (17-13) to keep their ladies 100 per cent record. They will now play Tryst Ladies, the Scottish champions, in Motherwell on June 16 in the British championship play-off.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

GOLF
JERSEY OPEN: At La Moye.
ST ANDREWS TROPHY (at Saunton GC).

CYCLING
MILK RACE: Fourth stage (from Carmarthen to Aberystwyth, 84.1 miles).

REAL TENNIS

Four in row for Johnson

David Johnson, the Queen's Club professional, continued his fine performance in the World Tournament, sponsored by George Wimpey, at Sea Court, Hayling Island yesterday when he defeated Alan Lovell, the amateur champion, by 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 (William Stephens writes).

Winning his group at Petworth over the weekend, Johnson defeated three talented professionals: Barry Toates (Newport, Rhode Island), Kevin Sheldon (Leamington), and Gerard Parsons, the under-24 champion (formerly Queen's).

Lovell excelled at Canford, almost eliminating Lachlarn Deuchar, the Open championship runner-up. Lovell had two match points at two sets all, five games all, 40-15 but could not suppress the gifted Australian.

Singles, quarter finals: D C Johnson (Queen's) beat A C Lovell 6-3, 6-4, 6-0; C J Ronaldson (Hampton Court) beat J Howell (Bordeaux) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles, first round: G J Parsons (unattached) and Johnson beat Lovell and N A R Cripps (Eton) 2-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0; W F Davies (New York) and L Deuchar (Hampton Court) beat P L Dawes (Sea Court) and K Sheldon (Leamington) 6-5, 6-1, 6-4; C J Lumley (Holyport) and P Tabley (unattached) beat Howell and J Fletcher (Oxford) 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; C J Ronaldson and B Toates (Newport, Rhode Is) beat S Ronaldson (Canford) and K Jacobs (New York) 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 5, Cleveland Indians 3; Chicago White Socks 8, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Kansas City Royals 7, Texas Rangers 5; California Angels 6, New York Yankees 5; Oakland Athletics 8, Detroit Tigers 5; Baltimore Orioles 3, Seattle Mariners 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 7, Chicago Cubs 4; Houston Astros 1, St Louis Cardinals 0; Cincinnati Reds 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 4.

FOOTBALL

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Austria Vienna 3, Winer Sportclub 2; SWW Innsbruck 6, Sturm Graz 0; Vöst Linz 4, Neusiedl 0; Austria Klagenfurt 1, Austria Sazburg 1; Eisenstadt 1, Lask 1; GAK 0, Favoriten AC 0; Admira Wacker 0, rapid Vienna 0.

TOUR MATCHES: Australia XI 1, Nottingham Forest 1 (in Adelaide).

SEOUL: President's Cup: South Korea 3, Bayer Leverkusen (West Germany) 2; Guatemala 0, Allanza Lima (Peru) 0.

TESTIMONIAL MATCH (for Keith Burkinshaw): Tottenham Hotspur 2 (Hughton, Brady), England XI 2 (Robson, Wilkins). Attendance: 20,518.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A (in Leningrad): Ireland 3, Portugal 2; Scotland 1 Greece 1. Group B (in Kiev): Poland 1 Denmark 0; Bulgaria 1, Italy 0. Group C (in Moscow): USSR 1, East Germany 0; England 2, Luxembourg 0. Group D (in Minsk): Hungary 1, Switzerland 0; Czechoslovakia 1, Spain 1. Ireland, USSR, Hungary and Poland qualify for semi-finals.

GOLF

PGA EARNINGS (all US): 1, T Watson $345,068 (some £250,000); 2, A Bean $271,419; 3, F Couples $259,953; 4, B Crenshaw $246,750; 5, G Koch $232,428; 6, G Morgan $231,072; 7, D Edwards $225,511; 8, T Kite $223,196; 9, B Lietzke $217,627; 10, C Stadler $214,808. British positions: 16, N Faldo $150,771; 71, P Oosterhuis, $42,200; $15,532.

WPGA EARNINGS (US unless stated): 1, P Bradley, $117,881 (some £85,500); 2, B King, $117,556; 3, A Okamoto (Jap), $81,664; 4, J Inkster, $79,487; 5, P Sheehan, $74,982; 6, A Miller, $72, 527; 7, J Carner, $68,593; 8, B Bunkowsky (Can), $60,583; 9, A Alcott, $60,498; 10, N Lopez, $59,623.

CYCLING

DAUPHINE LIBERE RACE: First stage (from Villeurbanne to Beavrepaire, 61 miles): 1, G Veldshotter (Neth), 2hr 32 min 43sec; 2, E Jau' Armelina (Fr), 2:33:32; 3, B van Brabant (Bel), same time. Second stage (from Beavrepaire to St Etienne) 1, van Brabant, 2:08:08; 2, P Anderson (Aus), 3, V Barteau (Fr), same time. Overall: 1, Veldshotter, 4:43:21; 2, Anderson; 3, Jau' Armelina, both at 41 sec.

CITTA' DI CASTELLO: Tour of Italy, 12th stage: 1, P Rosola (It), 4hr 7min 0sec; 2, R de Vlaeminck (Bel); 3, S Ricco (It); 4, U Freuler (Switz); 5, P Gavazzi (It); 6, E Pedersen (Nor), all same time. Overall: 1, F Moser (It), 54hr 48min 32sec; 2, M Argentin (It), 39sec behind; 3, R Visentini (It), 49; 4, L Fignon (Fr), 54; 5, M Lejarreta (Sp), 1:35; 6, J van der Velde (Neth), 1:54.

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Men's Singles first round: S Edberg (Swe) bt P Arraya (Peru), 6-2, 6-1, 6-2; B Boileau (Bel) bt G Forget (Fr), 7-6, 7-5, 6-3; Y Noah (Fr) bt M Dickson (US) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 1-6, 6-1; T Tulasne (Fr) bt P Cash (Aus), 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; M Westphal (WG) bt M Bahrami (Iran), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; J Brown (US) b S Simonsson (Swe), 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; M Martinez (Bol) bt Casal (Sp), 6-0, 6-3, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt R Arguello (Arg), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt G Michibata (Can), 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; M Vajda (Cz) bt S Meister (US), 6-2, 6-1, 6-3; C Barazzutti (It) bt S Giammalva (US), 6-0, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; C Panatta (It) bt R Acuna (Ch), 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; T Smid (Cz) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; B Manson (US) bt D Pate (US), 6-4, 7-5, 6-1; J McEnroe (US) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; J Arias (US) bt D Bedel (Fr), 7-6, 6-2, 6-4; J Frawley (Aus) bt M Ostoja (Yug), 7-5, 6-4, 6-0; P McNamee (Aus) bt G Guerrero (Arg), 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Women's singles, first round: K Horvath (US) bt N Phan Thanh (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; R Reggi (It) bt B Bramlett (US), 6-0, 6-2; J Russell (US) bt B Kim (US) 6-1, 6-2; S Mascarin (US) bt L Antonoplis (US), 6-1, 6-3; P Delhees (Sw) bt B Jordan (US), 6-4, 6-3; S Graf bt E Raponi Longo (Arg), 6-2, 7-6; I Budarova (Cz) bt K Sands (US), 6-3, 6-2; P Keppler (WG) bt I Madruga-Osses (Arg), 2-6, 7-5, 6-1; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt Y Brzakova (Cz), 6-4, 6-0; M Schropp (WG) bt S Rehe (US), 6-4, 6-1; C Lloyd (US) bt H Eisterlehner (WG), 6-5, 6-1; Z Garrison (US) bt P Paradis (Fr), 6-4, 7-5; P Medrado (Br) bt K Shaefer (US), 6-3, 7-6; K Jordan (US) bt A Minter (Aus), 7-5, 4-6, 13-11; A Amiach (Fr) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-1, 7-5; C Jexell (Sw) bt M Gurney (US), 6-2, 6-4; L Arrauya (Peru) bt A Croft (GB), 6-4, 4-6, 9-7.

WTA EARNINGS: 1, M Navratilova (US), $460,200 (£330,000); 2, H Mandlikova (Cz), $296,887; 3, P Shriver (US), $231,575; 4, C Lloyd (US), $194,674; 5, M Maleeva (Bul), $96,237; 6, B Potter (US), $92,575; 7, H Sukova (Cz), $87,175; 8, W Turnbull (Aus), $87,150; 9, K Horvath (US), $83,187; 10, B Gadusek (US), $81,094. British positions: 15, J Durie, $64,912; 20, A Hobbs, $52,626.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: North Sydney 8, Great Britain 14.

HANDBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH (women): Luxembourg 18, Britain 20.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: men: Birkenhead 14, Liverpool 21; Birkenhead 17, Brentwood 20.

BRITISH UNDER 19 CHAMPIONSHIP, semi-final: Halewood Town 13, Cumbernauld 15.

VOLLEYBALL

RIGA (Soviet Union): International women's tournament: Japan bt United States, 3-1 (15-4, 15-10, 14-16, 15-13); China bt Soviet Union, 3-1 (8-15, 15-10, 16-14, 15-11).

Vintage Cruyff

Turin (AP) – Feyenoord drew 1-1 With Torino yesterday. Cruyff showed some vintage touches as the Dutch side went ahead from Galbiati's own goal in the sixty-seventh minute. Herhandez equalized three minutes later from a penalty.

● Eamonn Deacy, Aston Villa's Republic of Ireland international full-back, has signed a new two-year contract withthe club.

● Ken Knighton, the former Orient and Sunderland manager has succeded Ted Hardy at Dagenham of the Alliance Premier League.

CYCLING: Paolo Rosola, of Italy, won the twelfth stage of the Italian tour at Citta Di Castello yesterday. Rosola won a crowded sprint of the pack at the finishing line in this scenic town of the Umbria region after a 175-kilometre ride on an almost flat course from Rieti. Francesco Moser held overall lead and the pink jersey for the eighth straight leg.

TUESDAY'S EVENING RACING RESULTS

Sandown Park

6.15 (5f) 1, SEVEN CLUBS (J Kennedy, 20-1); 2, Cree Bay (7-2 fav); 3, Gentle Star (6-1); 4, Free Range (8-1). 1l, ½ l. 17 ran. NR: Barnet Heir. TOTE: £27.20; £3.90, £1.50 £2.20, £2.30. DF: £83.90. CSF: £84.75. Tricast: £578.30. 1min 3.19sec.

6.45 (1m) 1, DUKAYNA (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 2 Ballinderry (11-8 fav); 3, Bustling Nelly (7-1). 1½ l, sh, hd. 7 ran. NR: Exuberine. TOTE: £7.90; £2.70, £1.40. DF: £6.10. CSF: £13.75. 1min45.17sec.

7.15 (2m) 1, RARLY (Pat Eddery, 11-1); 2, Carlingford Castle (2-5 fav); 3, Little Wolf (4-1). 1l, 7l. 5 ran. NR: Yawa, Karadar. TOTE: [illegible] £1.70, £1.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £15.61. [illegible] 41.78sec.

7.45 (5f) 1, PRIMO DOMINIE (J Reid, [illegible] fav); 2, Chantaco (6-4 jt-fav); 3, Albany [illegible] 1), 2l, 4l. 5 ran. TOTE: £2.30, £1.20, £1.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.80. 1min 1.47sec.

8.15 (1m) 1, GOUVERNO (Pat Eddery, [illegible] fav); 2, Prince Guard (7-2); dd-ht 3, Cabaleg [illegible] 2) and Plant (8-2). 4l, ¾ l. 7 ran. NR: [illegible] Prince. TOTE: £2.60; £1.50, £1.90. DF: [illegible] CSF: £8.21. 1min 45.36sec.

8.45 (1m) 1, FALSTAFF (W R Swinburn, [illegible] fav); 2, Nabl (50-1); 3, Cimelius (12-1). [illegible] 19 ran. NR: Manadina. TOTE: £1.90; £1.40, £16.80, £2.10. DF: £264.60. CSF: [illegible] 46.83sec.

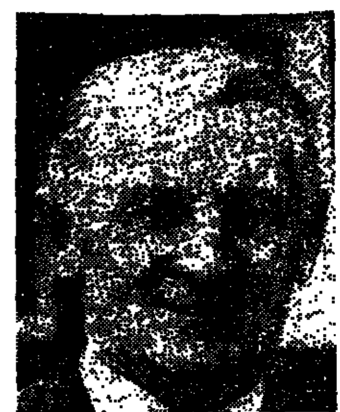
RACING: DROP IN CLASS SHOULD ENABLE LAING FILLY TO GAIN FIRST WIN

Calaloo Sioux has strong claims in this company

By Mandarin

Considering the promise that she showed on her debut at Goodwood 10 months ago, it is surprising to find that, six races later, Calaloo Sioux is still a maiden. However, Ray Laing's filly has run consistently well in good company and today's Portslade Maiden Stakes at Brighton represents a big drop in class.

Laing introduced Calaloo Sioux in the Findon Stakes at the big Goodwood meeting last July and, without being given a hard race, she finished fifth to Inspire, beaten a little over three lengths. On her return to the Sussex course last week, Calaloo Sioux ran equally well, finishing sixth of 15 to Miss Beaulieu in the Lupe Stakes with some highly-rated fillies behind.



Ray Laing: has found ideal opening for Calaloo Sioux at Brighton today (4.0).

While both her Goodwood efforts were commendable, undoubtedly her best run was at Newbury last October when she chased home Betsy Bay in the Rochford Thomson Newbury Stakes with six previous winners behind her, including last Saturday's Irish 1,000 Guineas winner, Katies.

Laing has always thought a great deal of Calaloo Sioux and rated her sufficiently highly to enter her for the Oaks. While she is clearly some way short of Oaks class, she is nevertheless a useful filly and should win with something to spare today before reverting to better company.

Michael Stoute has a seemingly inexhaustible supply of good maiden three-year-olds and won with four of them on Tuesday – Trois Vallées and Rummann at Chepstow and Dukayna and Falstaff at Sandown. *He saddles the well-bred* Ikaaya, another in that category, here but she showed little on her only run last year and bigger dangers to my selection may be Opening Bars and Zenjebeel, who have both run well in good company.

The opening Balcombe Handicap looks wide open but the early pace of Wow Wee Woo could prove decisive over this sharp five furlongs. Racing against older horses for the first time at Warwick last month, Wow Wee Woo finished a close seventh to Mandrake Belle and that form was franked twice on Tuesday when Mandrake Belle won again at Redcar and Seven Clubs, sixth at Warwick, took the Sandown opener.

Wise Crown runs in the Whitehawk Stakes in preference to the Hawes Handicap at Catterick and looks another winner for the in-form combination of Luca Cumani and Darrel McHargue while John Jenkins can land a double with Stonehenge (2.30) and Ockeyta (3.30).

Barry Hills's three-year-olds have been slow to come to hand but the Lambourn trainer appears to have found the ideal opening for Geryon in the Muker Maiden Stakes at Catterick. Geryon showed he had gone the right way since last year when fifth to Face Facts in a competitive maiden race at Newbury 12 days ago and a reproduction of that run would be good enough in this lower grade.

Speedy Girl to take her revenge

By Desmond Stoneham

Speedy Girl can take her revenge on Boreale in the group three Prix de Sandringham at Chantilly this afternoon. She finished third to Masarika and Boreale in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas) but had little luck in running.

Bruce Raymond partners Betsy Bay for Michael Jarvis and has a sound each-way chance. This filly was far from disgraced when fifth to Pebbles in the 1,000 Guineas on her seasonal debut and is sure to improve.

PRIX DE SANDRINGHAM (Group III: 3-y-o fillies: £13,201: 1m) (11 runners)

1-02	Boreale 9-0	F Head
110	Eastern Dawn 9-0	Y Saint-Martin
102	Speedy Girl 8-11	G Dubroeucq
210	Ameah 8-11	G W Moore
4-01	Justicara 8-11	A Perrotta
1-40	Cadilla 8-11	C Asmussen
204	Stresstess 8-11	F Pegurri
130	Lady E Baron 8-11	A Badel
2-01	Dancing Place 8-8	A Gibert
-410	Mon Mall Petit 8-8	M Philipperon
11-0	Betsy Bay 8-8	B Raymond

5-2 Speedy Girl, 3 Boreale, 5 Betsy Bay, 6 Stresstess.

● Charles Milbank will decide tomorrow whether or not to run Northern Fred in the Derby next Wednesday. Last Sunday the colt was disqualified after winning the Premio Presidente della Republica and Milbank is hoping Northern Fred will have recovered well enough to take his chance at Epsom. If the colt runs, he will be ridden by Gary Moore.

● Darshaan is 3-1 favourite with William Hill for Sunday's Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) at Chantilly. Dahar, the mount of Lester Piggott, and Sadler's Wells, winner of the Irish 2,000 Guineas, are 9-2 joint second favourites.

BRIGHTON

GOING: good

Draw: 5f - 6f, low numbers best

2.0 BALCOMBE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,766: 5f) (16 runners)

1	0-1	TARQUIN (D) (T Warner) A Hide 9-7	E Hide	1
2	02320-0	FLEUR DE LYPHARD (Shaikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-6	W Carson	4
3	2000-00	MY LOUIE (D) (T Mills) A Ingham 9-5	L Piggott	10
4	41-3004	WELSH ROSRAY (D) (R Webber) R Smyth 9-5	P Waldron	8
5	140000-	PUENTE ROMANO (Mrs F Li) Pat Mitchell 9-3	R Cochrane	2
6	130-420	TRY ME (D) (BF) (M Sinclair) M Ryan 9-0	M Fozzard 7	5
9	002-033	RUN RIOT (A Lansley) W Wightman 8-11	B Rouse	7
10	123-000	COSTALOTTA (D) (C Mitas) B Swift 8-11	J Reid	13
11	00-033	BLUE DONNA (Mrs C Carson) C Spares 8-11	B Thomson	14
12	0230-00	WOW WEE WOO (D) (Hillfields Farming) E Witts 8-11	–	3
14	000-0	POPPY SEED (V Sassie) A Jarvis 8-10	J Matthias	16
15	030-340	SHAMBOLIC (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-9	S Whitworth	7
16	003-402	SASCEROLE (C Young) M Usher 8-9	N Adams 7	6
18	422200	WOODFOLD (W Ellis) J Winter 8-6	Pat Eddery	12
19	000-043	YOU'RE SO VAIN (Miss V Willis) H Beasley 8-6	Paul Eddery	15
21	0000	STAR REVUE (Mrs K Sneath) H Westbrook 8-12	M L Thomas	11

1983: Suffered 9-3 B Rouse (3-1 fav) C Benstead 14 ran.

7-2 Tarquin, 9-2 Sascerole, 5 Try Me, 8 Shambolic, Costalotta, You're So Vain, 10 Puente Romano, Wow Wee Woo, 14 others.

FORM: TARQUIN (9-0) beat To-Oneiro (8-11) 2l at Pontefract (5f, £839, firm, Apr 26, 11 ran), with BLUE DONNA (8-11) 2½l away 3rd. FLEUR DE LYPHARD (8-10) showed up 4f when out of first nine to Far Too Young (8-10) at Kempton (6f, £2560, good, May 7, 17 ran). WELSH ROSRAY (9-7) ran on well, 4½l 3rd of 13 to Honourable Admiral (8-2) in Bath H'cap (5.5f, £2271, firm, May 12), when SASCEROLE (8-11) beaten 2l in 2nd. RUN RIOTS (8-7) 1½l 3rd of 11 to Cand (9-13) in Goodwood App. H'cap (6f, £2691, good, May 24). BLUE DONNA (8-11) 3½l 4th to Mendick Adventure (8-11) in 21 runner maiden at Thirsk (5f, £1997, firm, May 12). YOU'RE SO VAIN (9-0) 2l 3rd of 18 to Padre Pio (9-0) in 5f Beverley maiden (£1513, firm, May 18).
Selection: SASCEROLES.

2.30 GLYNDE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,646: 1m 4f) (10)

1	032102-	NORFOLK FLIGHT (CD) (G Tufts) M Tompkins 7-9-10	P John	8
2	220134-	BUNCE BOY (M Sanderson) Miss A Sinclair 5-9-6	S Selby	5
3	413400-	ONESSILOS (A Duffield) M Masson 4-9-5	D Brown	2
4	033211	STONEHENGE (C) (P Allen) J Jenkins 7-9-5	–	3
5	00/303-	LEOPARD'S ROCK (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 10-9-3	Carol Heath 5	1
6	0210-00	HAVE BLESSED (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 4-9-0	I McLelland	5
7	240-000	WIDD (T Mills) D Mills 7-8-13	G Landau	6
9	0300-43	INCHGOWER (CD) (BF) (Miss D Downes) W Wightman 7-8-9	G Dickie	4
10	11021-0	MIDNIGHT MOUSE (W Ponsonby) P Cole 4-8-9	D Ramage	10
13	00-0	HARTS DESIRE (Maxwell M Hart) M Salaman 3-7-7	W Williams 5	7

1983: Hijazah 4-8-12 K Williams (14-1) A Hide 13 ran.

3 Stonehenge, 7-2 Inchgower, 4 Midnight Mouse, 6 Bunce Boy, 10 Norfolk Flight, Onessilos, Leopard Rock, 14 others.

FORM: NORFOLK FLIGHT 2½l 2nd (8-4) to Take A Card (8-12) last time, earlier (9-5) beat BUNCE BOY (9-6) 5l into 3rd App. H'cap over course and distance (£1367, good to soft, Sep 15, 13 ran). ONESSILOS (8-0) 10th to Record Wing (7-12) final start, (8-5) beat Tawaag (8-5) ½l at Leicester (1m 2f, £2105, good to firm, June 11, 12 ran). STONEHENGE (8-5) ½l winner from Steal A Glance (8-10) at Windsor, with HAVE BLESSED (8-5) not in first 9 (1m 4f, £2830, good, May 14, 20 ran). LEOPARD'S ROCK unraced since finishing 4½l 3rd of 10 (9-7) to Santella King (9-0) at Folkestone (1m 4f, £966, firm, July 12). INCHGOWER (8-11) 8½l 3rd to Blondello (8-9) over course and distance £1730, firm, Apr 30, 6 ran). MIDNIGHT MOUSE (8-3) unplaced behind Dragon Fire (7-12) this season, (7-13) beat Chelsea Maid (8-11) 3l in Lingfield seller (2m, £1369, good to soft, Oct 14, 16 ran).
Selection: MIDNIGHT MOUSE.

3.0 'PARK TOP' FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,759: 1m) (7)

1	22130-0	TAPACULO (Lady Pilkington) B Hanbury 3-9-10	L Piggott	2
2	0000-04	BALINESE (C) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 4-9-2	P Waldron	1
3	3321-00	CHANNEL AFFAIR (J Bedford) P Cole 3-8-13	T Quinn 3	7
4	000-12	MOUNTAIN BEAR (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 3-8-12	W Carson	3
5	40-1020	GALIGNANI (Esal Commodities) P Kelleway 3-8-10	P Cook	6
7	220-	MONACO LADY (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 4-7-13	R Hills	5
9	030-204	TIZZY (T Holland-Martin) D Arbuthnot 3-7-9	T Williams 5	4

1983: Ampersand 3-7-11 J H Brown (10-1) I Balding 13 ran.

6-4 Mountain Bear, 4 Balinese, 5 Monaco Lady, 7 Galignani, 10 Tapaculo, Channel Affair, 14 Tizzy.

FORM: BALINESE (8-11) 8l 4th of 18 to Aqaba Prince (8-5) at Goodwood (8f, £2,734, good, May 23). CHANNEL AFFAIR (8-9) 9l 8th and Tapaculo (8-5) 8th to Clare Bridge (8-4) at Kempton (8f, £6,287, firm, Apr 21, 10 ran). CHANNEL AFFAIR (8-10) has since run 7th to Sandy Island (8-6) at Newmarket, when GALIGANANI (8-10) was 9th (1m 2f, £8,298, good to firm, May 4, 11 ran). MOUNTAIN BEAR (8-11) 1l 2nd of 17 to Scarlet O'Hariot (8-0) at York (8f, £4,195, good to firm, May 16). MONACO LADY only 8th (8-11) to It's Kelly (9-0) in maiden final start, (8-8) had run Magnetic Field (9-4) 1½l 2nd at Salisbury (8f, £1,584, good to firm, Aug 11, 17 ran. TIZZY (8-11) under 2l 4th of 11 to Linpac Leaf (8-11) in Carlisle Maiden (8f, £1,181, firm, May 4).
Selection: MONACO LADY.

3.30 PATCHAM SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £778: 5f) (6)

2	0	COME ON CORNISH (D Lorrimer-Roberts) C Drew 8-11	M L Thomas	2
3	0000	FRENCH EMPEROR (Mrs J Cripps) M Haynes 8-11	I Jenkinson	6
4	000	MATCHSTICK MAN (B Boardman) H Beasley 8-11	G Sexton	1
5	40	FAVOURITISM (D Harris) G Hunter 8-8	Pat Eddery	3
7	0003	LINARIA (E Arnold) C Wildman 8-8	R Hills	4
8	32	OCKEYTA (Mrs A Upsdell) J Jenkins 8-8	T Williams 5	5

1983: Dellwood Iris 7-13 D McKay (11-2) W Holden 15 ran.

4-5 Ockeyta, 4 Favouritism, 6 French Emperor, Linaria, 14 Come On Cornish, Matchstick Man.

Brighton selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Wow Wee Woo. 2.30 Stonehenge. 3.0 Mountain Bear. 3.30 Ockeyta. 4.0 CALALOO SIOUX (nap). 4.30 Wise Crown

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2.0 Tarquin. 2.30 Norfolk Flight. 3.0 Tapaculo. 4.0 Starwind. 4.30 Wise Crown.

4.0 PORTSLADE MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £890: 1m 2f) (17)

3	0000-00	BARBICAN AIRE (Mrs B O'Mara) P Butler 9-0	T Williams	5
5	000400-	BATTLE MASTER (R Unwin) N Vigors 9-0	P Cook	17
7	43300-0	DARE YOU (Maj H Cayzer) R Smyth 9-0	S Whitworth	7
8		EASTER HOLLOW (Mrs M Stevens) B Stevens 9-0	R Fox	1
12		HONEYDEW WONDER (D Moss) D Elsworth 9-0	A cGlone	5
13	00-0	JOANN'S LAD (B) (J Clayton) A Jarvis 9-0	T Jarvis 5	8
14	00	MAISSAN (Prince Faisal) P Walwyn 9-0	L Piggott	16
15	032-0	OPENING BARS (B) (C Nelson) D Oughton 9-0	B Rouse	7
19	03-00	SEYL (Shaikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	9
20	0042-	STARWIND (D Prenn) J Winter 9-0	Pat Eddery	15
24	04-002	ZENJEBEEL (K Al-Said) J Hindley 9-0	B Thomson	11
25	00000-	A LITTLE MORE (C Godden) R Smyth 8-11	P Waldron	4
27	322-000	CALALOO SIOUX (C Wright) D Laing 8-11	J Reid	6
28	0-0	FAIR TUNE (G Hough) M Madgwick 8-11	J Matthias	12
31	0-	IKAAYA (Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	10
33	40-	MAUMANN (A Clore) B Hills 8-11	S Cauthen	3
35	03000-	SING GALVO SING (B Tyler) D Oughton 8-11	J Fletcher	7

1983: Millfontaine 9-0 G Starkey (4-7 fav) G Harwood 19 ran.

4 Zenjebeel, 5 Calaloo Sioux, 6 Ikaaya, Seyl, Starwind, 8 Opening Bars, 10 Maumann, 12 Battle Master, 16 others.

FORM: DARE YOU. (9-5) bit backward when 7l 5th to Tom Forrester (8-8) at Lingfield (7 5f, £1,873, good to soft, Apr 11, 15 ran). JOANN'S LAD (9-0) and MAISSAN (9-0) both out of first 10 behind Timber Merchant (8-11) in Warwick maiden (8f, £1,115, firm, Apr 24, 18 ran). STARWIND (9-0) 1l 2nd of 16 to Sam M (9-0) at Leicester, when JOANN'S LAD was unplaced (8f, £828, good to firm, Nov 11. ZENJEBEEL (8-9) ½l 2nd of 14 to DIAMONDS HIGH (8-7) in Windosr Handicap (1m 4f, £2,348, good, May 21). MAUMANN (8-8) prominent 5f when about 9l 8th of 10 to Troyanna (8-8) at York (7f, £3,812, good to soft, Oct 6). IKAAYA (8-11) 8½l 6th to Free Guest (8-11) here (7f, £1,641, good to soft, Sept 15, 10 ran)
Selection: ZENJEBEEL.

4.30 WHITEHAWK STAKES (3-y-o: £1,892: 7f) (16)

1	04-412	WISE CROWN (D) (Studcrown Ltd) L Cumani 9-8	D McHargue	7
3	00-	BOND MARKET (T Tobin) S Matthews 9-0	D McFeeters 7	8
4	200-00	BURGUNDY STAR (B) (R Evans) P Kelleway 9-0	P Cook	13
5	000-400	COUNTRY PRINCE (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 9-0	P Waldron	16
6	420-00	FAHDI (B) (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	14
7	000002-	FLYING TENDERFOOT (H Piotnak) D Elsworth 9-0	B Rouse	9
9	000-00	QUICK FLING (B) (R Hambro) D Laing 9-0	J Reid	10
10	00040-	SATCH (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 9-0	R Hulse 7	15
12	0-0	SORELLANO (A Solomons) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	2
13	000-0	TAMERTOWN LAD (D Steele) C Horgan 9-0	A McGlone	5
14	00	TREMBLANT (K Abdulla) R Smyth 9-0	A Clark	3
16	34440-0	LA PIAF (Mrs K Richardson) B Hobbs 8-11	G Baxter	11
17	02-0	LUCKY ENGAGEMENT (Elisha Holding) M Jarvis 8-11	M L Thomas	4
18	000-00	NO SHARING (Mrs J Trendell) A Jarvis 8-11	Pat Eddery	1
21	00-	UPLANDS MAYBLOSSOM (Mrs O Lusty) S Matthews 8-11	B Jago	12
22	0-	WELSH EVE (D Prenn) R Johnson-Houghton 8-11	S Cauthen	6

1983: Speed Of Music 9-3 T Quinn (9-2) P Cole 15 ran.

11-8 Sorellano, 2 Fahdi, 6 Wise Crown, 10 La Piaf, 12 Lucky Engagement, 16 others.

Form: WISE CROWN (9-7) 7l 2nd and BURGUNDY STAR (9-0) another 4l back in 8th to Premier coup (9-7) at Lingfield (7f, £2181, good, May 11, 18 ran). FAHDI (9-0) outpaced when 11th of 20 to Karkan (9-0) a Newmarket (8f, £4075, good to firm, May 3). FLYING TENDERFOOT (8-3) 1½l 2nd to Paramanbo (9-7) at Woverhampton (7f, £1598, good to soft, Oct 3, 17 ran). SORELLANO (9-0) under 4l 5th of 16 to Falmouth Harbour (9-0) at Leicester (8f, £3794, good to firm, Apr 28). LA PIAF 11th (8-11) to Incisive (9-0) this season, (8-11) was 6½l 4th to Jameelapi (8-11) at Nottingham in 1983 (6f, £815, firm, Aug 8, 10 ran).
Selection: WISE CROWN

CATTERICK BRIDGE

GOING: good to firm

Draw: low numbers best.

2.15 STAPLETON STAKES (2-y-o: £763: 5f) (5 runners)

2	001	MR PANACHE (D) (Mrs S Camacho) M Camacho 9-4	N Connorton	4
3	321	SUSANGUS (B) (CD) (P Ashmore) W O'Gorman 9-4	T Ives	3
6		BREAK THE TAPE (B) (D Harrison) A Bailey 8-11	P Bloomfield 5	5
10	0	GREY CREE (Mrs O Wreford) J Etherington 8-8	M Wood	1
11		OUR CHICKLETTE (P Barrett) B Morgan 8-8	P Robinson 5	2

1983: Gaius 9-4 N Day (4-9 fav) H Cecil 14 ran.

8-15 Susangus, 11-4 Mr Panache, 11-2 Break The Tape, 12 Grey Cree, 25 Our Chicklette.

Catterick selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Susangus. 2.45 Scott's Hill. 3.15 Sea Dart. 3.45 Jolly Business. 4.15 *Swift Return.* 4.45 Geryon.

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2.15 Susangus. 2.45 Gruinastorm. 4.15 Pendori. 4.45 Wilby.

2.45 PEN HILL SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £968: 1m 4f 40yd) (8)

2	0-00214	GAINVILLE LAD (CD) (BF) (T Ritson) R Whitaker 9-0	S Perks	4
3	00-300	GRUINASTORM (B) (R Pol) N Callaghan 9-0	G Duffield	2
5	0-00340	KING SHARA (G Simpson) Mrs M Nesbitt 9-0	A Crook	3
6	000-0	LUCKY LOCHE (B Platts) M Camacho 9-0	O Gray	1
9	0100-00	LA PEPPER (P Dowson) J Etherington 8-11	M Wood	7
10	0003-00	MY SWEET BABY (R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 8-11	M Birch	6
12	00-0032	SCOTT'S HILL (Mrs A Jones) Hbt Jones 8-11	W Ryan 5	8
13	00-0000	TAKACHIHO'S GIRL (T Craig) T Craig 8-11	A Mackay 5	5

1983: Katie Bourne 8-11 C Dwyer (5-2 fav) E Carter 14 ran.

2 Scott's Hill, 11-4 Gainville Lad, 7-2 Gruinastorm, 11-2 King Shara, 9 La Pepper, 14 others.

3.15 TAN HILL HANDICAP (£1,251: 1m 4f 40yd) (8)

3	00-0000	TINOCO (Mrs J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-9-7	S Perks	4
5	300230	STEAL A GLANCE (BF) (A Shead) B Hills 4-9-4	–	7
6	24424-4	CAP d'AZURE (D Smith) S Norton 4-8-12	C Ollivier	6
7	0-02400	APPLE WINE (T O'Gram) D Chapman 7-8-12	D Nicholls	2
8	/012-42	SEA DART (R Causer) B Morgan 4-8-11	P Robinson	1
9	04/0-4	SWEETHEART (M Steele) W Haigh 4-8-7	T Ives	8
10	0/00	GRAY HEAT (H Taylor) W Storey 6-8-6	O Gray	5
11	000-020	COTTAGE STYLE (M McDonagh) W A Stephenson 5-8-5	G Duffield	3

1983: Miss Love 6-7-8 M Fry (11-10 fav) Denys Smith 13 ran.

9-4 Sea Dart, 3-1 Steal A Glance, 4 Apple Wine, 5 Sweetheart, 8 Cottage Style, 14 Tinoco, 20 others.

3.45 KLIX DRINKS STAKES (2-y-o: £1,230: 5f) (5)

4	0431	JOLLY BUSINESS (Mrs V Lewis) A Ingham 9-3	C Dwyer	1
6	002	BED AND BREAKFAST (Mrs V Haigh) W Haigh 8-11	T Ives	3
10	00	STEVEJAN (S Rea) B Morgan 8-11	P Robinson	5
11	0	EDNA LAWN (W Wharton) W Wharton 8-8	W Wharton	2
12		EMMAZENDA (B Thexton) J Parkes 8-8	S Webster	4

1983: Boca Raton 9-1 S Morris (5-6 fav) J Berry 5 ran.

4-7 Jolly Business, 7-2 Edna Lawn, 5 Bed And Breakfast, 10 Stevejan, 20 Emmazenda.

4.15 HAWES HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,362: 6f) (13)

3	2340-00	EMERGENCY PLUMBER (D) (Robert Prettie & Co) B Hanbury 9-7	P Hamblett	3
4	01-	SOIXANTE QUINZE (D) (Mrs J Hamilton) J W Watts 9-6	N Connorton	13
5	22003-0	PENDORI (Mrs M Cooke) N Callaghan 9-4	G Duffield	8
6	000-000	GAN ON LAD (Mrs E Taylor) Denys Smith 9-2	–	10
8	031-000	SWIFT RETURN (G Beccle) J Winter 9-1	T Ives	11
9	020333	SULLY'S CHOICE (B) (D) (W Chapman) D Chapman 9-0	D Nicholls	7
11	0-00020	JESTERS PET (T Bell) R Whitaker 8-13	S Perks	9
13	00-1030	MEESON KING (J Wilcox) B McMahon 8-12	A MacKay	1
15	004-400	TRIAD TREBLE (B) (Triad Garages Ltd) Hbt Jones 8-8	K Darley	4
16	02-0400	BAKERS DOUBLE (C Harrison) R Hollinshead 8-7	W Ryan 5	2
17	3040-00	STARLIGHT LASS (R Bethell) P Calver 8-3	M Fry	5
18	000	TOP THAT (BF) (S Willis) T Barron 8-2	S Webster	6
19	0000-00	STEVULA (A Humphreys) A Smith 7-10	N Carlisle	12

1983: Whitewalls 7-8 N Carlisle (11-2 jt-fav) D Garraton 13 ran.

3 Sully's Choice, 4 Meeson King, 5 Soixante Quinze, 6 Swift Return, 8 Jester's Pet, Baker's Double, 12 Emergency Plumber, 16 others.

Form: EMERGENCY PLUMBER (8-6) never reached leaders when 6l 5th to Electrifying (7-8) at Chester (7f, £4065, good to firm, 12 ran). SOIXANTE QUINZE (8-11) 1l winner from Innocent Maid (8-11) in 12 runner Hamilton maiden (6f, £1252, good, Sep 27). SWIFT RETURN (7-12) outpaced when 7½l 8th of 19 to Lily Bank (7-11) at Windsor (6f, £2401 good, May 14). SULLY'S CHOICE, (9-3) ½l 3rd to First Pleasure (7-13) over a mile last time, previously 1½l 3rd (7-10) to Susa Steel (9-7) at York (6f, £3309, May 17, good to firm, 11 ran). JESTERS PET unplaced last time, previously 2½l 2nd (8-1) to Bechamel (9-7), 1½l ahead of SULLY'S CHOICE (8-5) who was 3rd (Redcar, 6f, £2645, firm, May 8, 6 ran) MEESON KING (7-9) over 5l to Lovers Bid (8-5) at Windsor (5f, £3061, good, May 21, 30 ran)
Selection: MEESON KING.

4.45 MUKER MAIDEN STAKES (£547: 1m 5f 180yd) (12)

2	00304/	GREAT LUCK (H Timm) K Stone 5-9-9	M Birch	12
3	0-0	MIDNIGHT COMMANCHE (H Avill) N Crump 4-9-9	O Gray	5
6	0-0	WILBY (G Holland) M Ryan 5-9-9	P Bloomfield 5	3
9	0304-00	GERYON (P Fahey) B Hills 3-8-5	G Duffield	4
12	000-000	LINDRICK WHITSUN (B Dixon) G Harman 3-8-5	S Keightley	2
14	00	OCEANUS (Cpt M Lemos) F Durr 3-8-5	P Robinson	10
15	00	PUKKA MAJOR (B) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Hindley 3-8-5	M Hills	1
16	00-0000	STERLING VIRTUE (R Thomas) B McMahon 3-8-5	A MacKay	7
19	00-0	ESTUARY (Lord Derby) J Winter 3-8-2	T Ives	9
21	00-0	JOCA (Bousfield Joinery) T Fairhurst 3-8-2	R P Elliott	8
22	000-040	RACHELS GIRL (Mrs A Ferguson) W Wharton 3-8-2	W Ryan 5	11
25	00-0	THEREON (P Goulandris) H Candy 3-8-2	R Curant	6

1983: Pellon 3-8-5 G Duffield (100-30) M Prescott 12 ran.

15-8 Geryon, 11-4 Thereon, 9-2 Pukka Major, 13-2 Oceanus, 9 Rachel's Girl, 14 Estuary, 20 others.

Brighton results

2.00 (7f) 1, JAMRA (A McGlone, 7-1); 2, Caliph (J Reid, 10-1); 3, Anything Else (P Cook, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4fav The Thresher (4th), 4 Nadia Nanna (6th), 11 Sharp Remark, 14 Bee's Dance (5th), 16 Noche. 8 ran. ¾l, 2l, 2l, 2½, 2l. C Horgan at Findon. TOTE: £8.80; £2.10, £5.10 £2.80. £27.70. CSF: £63.28.

2.30 (5f) MUSING (J Reid, 4-1); 2, Dimant Blanche (J Mercer, 11-8 fav), 3, Stoneydale (M Miller 15-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Lady Wilde (5th), 8 Sillferous, 10 Emerald Pendant (4th), 16 Bold Gift, 20 African Music (6th), 33 Court Jewel, Tavisgrove. 10 ran. ½l, 2½l, nk, 4l 1½l. B Swift at Epsom. TOTE: £4.50: £1.50, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £3.20. CSF: £10.24.

3.00 (6f) LA PERRICHOLI (R Curant 16-1); 2, Spanish Point (D McKay, 8-1); 3, Oryx Minor (M Wigham 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Saxham Breck, 4 Heather Croft, 10 Fleet Bay, Songroid, 12 Haven Blessed, Lady Clementine (6th) 16 Lord Scap (4th), Steel Pass (5th). 11 ran. 2l, sh-hd, ½l, 3l, 2l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. TOTE: £28.30: £4.10, £2.50, £2.30. DF: £387.70. CSF £121.10. TRICAST: £1,874.34.

3.30 (1m) 1, MEZIARA (L Piggott 2-1 fav); 2, Peanday (G Sexton 5-2); 3, Pearl King (S Cauthen 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11.2 Summer Stop, 10 Jameena, 16 Hall's Prince (4th), Spice Market, 25 Washburn Flyer, 33 Barnaby Grande, Lady Abinger, Mondoodle, Wheelwrights Lady (5th), Wolver Plume (6th). 13 ran. 3l, 2l, 6l, 2½, sh-hd. A Ingham at Epsom. TOTE: £2.50; £1.80, £1.90, £1 40. DF: £2.80. CSF £7.17. Bought in 1,550 gns.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, PROFIT WARRANT (P Bradwell 20-1); 2, Bertha (J Reid 16-1); 3, Kaukas (T Quinn 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Stylish Mover (4th), Garden Route, 15-2 Redden, 8 Rant And Rave, 10 Fast Service (6th), Lucky Orphan, Westgate Star (5th), 14 Calsolon, 33 Maskell Gold. 12 ran. NR: Himorre. ¾l, 3l, 2½l, 4l 1½l. Pat Mitchell at Polegate. TOTE: £22.30: £8.20, £5.80, £1.10. DF: £178 10. CSF: £283.34. TRICAST: £2,497.15.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, CROWN EAGLE (S Cauthen 9-2); 2, Ewell Place (L Piggott 11-4 fav); 3, Love Walked In (P Hamblett 100-30). ALSO RAN: 7 Acercate (4th), 16 R U With Me (p/up), 20 Aligned, Predominate, Riboburg, Waterhead, 25 Aspro Astro (5th), Jet Run, Mistress Raffles, 33 Chartfield, Crooning Berry, No Hack, Amilie, Omavan, Stocksign (6th), My Dicty, Viceroy Lass. 20 ran. ¾l, 3l 2l, sh-hd, 5l D Elsworth at Whitsbury. TOTE: £3.80: £1.20, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £16.96. PLACEPOT: £409.80 tickets: 3.1.

● Jack Berry has lost his appeal against the Warwick stewards for *the disqualification of Timewaster* on April 30. Timewaster finished first in the Quashed Two-year-old *Stakes but was placed fourth.*

Worcester

2.15 1, Say Fella (J Akehurst, 20-1); 2, Pepperwood (2-1 fav), 3, Flori Wonder (11-4). hd, 15l, 8 ran. M W Keegan. TOTE £17.40: £3 30, £1.60, £1.10. DF, £26 00. CSF: £57 67. Bought in 1000 gns.

2.45 1, Lulav (P Scudamore 15-8), 2, Migrator (4-6 fav): 3, Gollyno (50-1). nk, 15l. 7 ran. D Nicholson. TOTE £2.90; £170, £1.10. DF £1 70. CSF: £3.04

3.15 1, Lloyd Ardua (C Mann 10-1), 2, Filletts Farm (3-1 jt-fav): 3, Space Bridge (5-1), Cloneen King (3-1 jt fav). 5l, 4l. 10 ran. B Cambridge. TOTE: £7.80: £2.20, £1.30, £2.40. DF, £10.60 CSF: £36.52. Tricast: £152.76.

3.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Welsh Display (B Powell 9-4 fav); 2 Ribot Star (3-1), 3 Jungle Jim (4-1). Nk, 1½l. 5 ran. NR: Tousalong. L G Kennard. TOTE: £2.80: £1.80, £1.90. DF £5.80. CSF: £8.45.

4.15 (3m chase) 1, Marchant (H Davies 4-1 jt-fav); 2 Ambremont (10-1), 3 Ridan Tower (33-1). Trusty Catcher (4-1 jt-fav). 7l, nk. 11 ran. J Thorne. TOTE: £5.60, £2 50, £2.30, £10 60. DF: £11.80. CSF, £38.00 Tricast £1,018.75.

4 45 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Knightsbridge Game (Steve Knight 8-1): 2 Norfolk Storm (14-1); 3 Charlemount (5-2 fav). 15l, 6l. 14 ran. NR: Celtic Bell, Cantelupe, No Fluke. D Wilson. TOTE £14 10: £4.50: £4.10, £1.70. DF. £221.10 CSF: £98 60. Tricast: £321.88. PLACEPOT: £11.55.

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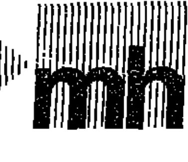
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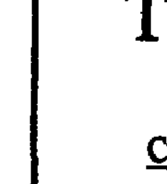
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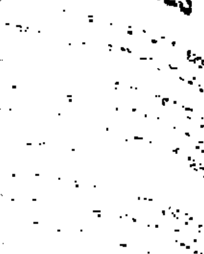
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Rewards for rising women

Despite opportunities women at the top are still comparatively few. Ann Hills discusses the obstacles and approaches with two who have 'made it'

Top company women regularly make business page headlines, but, in reality, nearly a decade after equality of opportunity was blessed with legislation, only two or three per cent of company directors are female. That figure, reflected in membership of the Institute of Directors, also holds true in the Abbey National Building Society. There is one woman, Sara Morrison, on the board and 10 women branch managers among a total of 534.

The society, believing that positive action is necessary to motivate women upwards, has been running the third of its Women in Management four-day courses this month. Traditionally, senior development programmes have been for branch managers and their senior assistants, but because of the lack of women in those positions, junior assistant branch managers are eligible for these all-women courses.

The pilot programme last year was successful, following a survey produced by the Industrial Society, which has pioneered courses for ambitious women. On June 12, the society is holding an important conference called Issues and Options to consider the future of senior women managers. Speakers will include Brenda Dean, general secretary-elect of Sogat, the print union, Jennifer Coutts-Clay, manager of British Airways Scotland, and Elizabeth Doyle, project director of the Beautiful Britain campaign.

Getting on means 'Sticking your neck out'

Liz Willis, the enthusiastic head of publicity at the Industrial Society – and herself in middle management – believes that women managers must plan ahead for the next few years. Women, she says, are still scared of taking risks, afraid of being failures, laughed at, unpopular.

"For a man it's quite macho to be thought of as an absolute bastard, while women hate being called cows. Getting on means sticking your neck out, saying 'yes' to opportunities. Being the second woman on the board isn't going to be easier."

Today's top women – in addition to setting examples – are taking part in a range of management training courses (a boom area); they are backing initiatives like the 1984 Women Into Science and Engineering, and they are helping to build up company and specialist networks which penetrate lower ranks – such as Women in BP and Women in Banking.

Liz Willis finds women directors and managers have an impressive amount of energy. "They are totally committed professionally. You rarely hear them talk about their homes, their families. They have been accepted on male terms, without the sort of special treatment that the TUC Women's Advisory Committee backed at their recent conference. That is Alice in Wonderland. Business isn't a welfare exercise."

Happily, women at the top are approachable. Unselfishly, they don't want to remain unusual, even when they predict that their immediate successors will be male. Only 15 years ago Detta O'Cathain, now a director and general manager at the Milk Marketing Board, with a daunting £5m a day turnover documented in her paperwork, applied to join Lord Rootes at Rootes Motors as an economist. The advertisement had read: "The man appointed will . . ." she wrote that she had all the qualifications bar one – and got the job.

Dedicated, smart, aware

Her career was launched with a first class degree in economics, jobs with Aer Lingus, on the economic planning side, and with Tarmac, as group economist, before she joined the motor industry. There she landed up as director of market planning for British Leyland.

Ms O'Cathain fits the Industrial Society's image of female talent – dedicated, smart and aware of feelings ("I agonize over human implications, peoples' livelihoods"). She was made an OBE as initiator of the idea which led to Food From Britain. Sadly, when FFB advertised a top marketing job, all 400 applicants were male.

Meanwhile, she is responsible for about 500 staff at the Milk Marketing Board, taking in a mix of visits from regional inspections, trips to Brussels and talks to groups such as the Institute of Health Food Retailers.

At weekends she is "a jeans and sweater girl and Bill Bishop's wife in Arundel, Sussex". Her husband, older by some years, is a local councillor. She is treasurer of the local church. "If I talked about EEC regulations or the lactation of cows on social occasions, I'd be alone."

Cream, as she puts it, will rise to the top. Women, wishing to emulate her type of success can look to pointers. Economics is a subject she recommends – "broader than accountancy or marketing, but it must not be to theoretical." She changed jobs several times, never getting cosy, ready for advances, aware of timing. "I was at Unigate as corporate planning executive when creameries were sold to the MMB. I was on the negotiating team." Her skills were noticed.

She recommends matching single-mindedness with honesty and lack of ambiguity (an asset useful for her radio and television appearances) – "I'm prepared to take on anybody." Ms O'Cathain's career began with a first class degree, and Stephanie Monk started working life as a secretary to solicitors.

Now aged 40, she is group personnel director at the London Rubber Company, with about 8,660 staff spread from Malaysia to Dundee. After the solicitors, she joined a tea brokers – "going around with the chairman". From there she went to France, as assistant to a man who produced wine and wrote on the subject. She took the job with school French, "but quickly brushed it up". Now, in the interviewing seat, she is keen to spot youngsters with the go-getability and questioning of interviewers, which she had.

Her main failure (and, coincidentally, Ms O'Cathain's) was to be turned down as an air hostess for being too fat. She isn't. That closed door led to openings in Tate and Lyle where she worked for a director, and encouraged by senior male colleagues eventually became personnel development manager.

She took evening classes, and became a member of the Institute of Personnel Management – typically making sure that she would be ready to meet challenges.

Both Detta O'Cathain and Stephanie Monk (as Liz Willis emphasizes) have plenty in common, including making the most of attractive appearances, and buying expensive clothes which last.

They have aimed to work in companies which interest them: women have an advantage as Detta O'Cathain says: "They make 70 per cent of total buying decisions, but all major marketing directors are men – there's opportunity here."

'Few crumble on the way'

Both worked for the top people in companies (even in small outfits) to gain an overview of policy. They never said "no" to offers of advancement (often on the advice of a senior executive championing their abilities). They have taken extra courses to meet openings.

"I've known very few women who have crumbled on the way up," says Stephanie Monk, who advises: "Don't replicate your experience. Do something you have not done before." Before interviews, study company profiles in detail, arrive early, sit in the reception area; observe. In interviews, question. Detta O'Cathain admires the initiative which leads girls to write to company chairmen, asking about future requirements, about sponsorship for training.

The advice may sound like commonsense, but it is spawning a large number of management training courses for women, some linked to magazines, some independent, others, in rare cases, internal for aspiring staff.

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FITCH. – On May 23 to Christine (nee Patten) and David – a son, Ben Steven.

GARDNER – On May 29th, to Penelope (nee Chloros) and Piers, in Strasbourg – a son (Alexander Michael).

HARRIS – On May 30th, at Harlow, to Anne (nee Williams) and Ian – a daughter (Kate Rebecca), for whom we thank God.

HILL, SUSAN – See Wells

JAGGER. On 29th May to Christine (nee Wood) and Graham – a daughter (Chloe Marie).

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MAIR – On 29th May at Queen Charlotte's hospital, to Margaret (nee O'Connor) and Robert, a daughter (Julia Mary).

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WELLS. – To Susan (Hill) and Stanley, on 27th May in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, a tiny, very premature sister (Imogen) for Jessica; fighting for survival in the Special Care Baby Unit.

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CHILTON C W (Dick) MA M Phil PhD May 25th aged 69 at Hull University. Suddenly at home 23, Beechdale Cottingham, dearly loved husband of Althea will be saddly missed.

CLOUDESLEY SEDDON on May 29th at home in Stamford, Stanley Albert Cloudesley Seddon darling husband [illegible]

DEATHS

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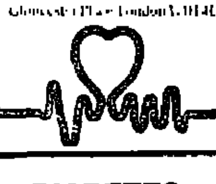
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TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.33; the Greene's dream home at 6.40; exercises at 6.50 and 8.55; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.13; Popeye cartoon at 7.32; guests Spandau Ballet at 7.40; Sacpop video at 7.55; Sally Jomsett's star turn at 8.15 Paul Gambaccini's film review at 8.33; Roland Rat at 9.01.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 The Nature of Things. Fire and ...d: Mysteries of Glass. A documentary about man's fascination with glass. 11.25 ...op and the Anthem ... story of a down and out ... wants to be arrested ... that he can spend winter ... warm prison cell. 11.50 ...per, the Friendly Ghost ...toon.

12.00 Benji ... dog becomes a good ...en when he helps the police ... a jewel shop robbery. 12.10 Get Up and Go! with ... Reid (r). 12.30 The Sul...

1.00 News ...20 Thames news. 1.3... ...us. The series' last live ...ramme comes from C... where people c...ed with the p...ramme and its p...essors look back over ... 12 years.

2.00 ...e High Road. 2.30 ...ers. Another case for ...ve-wearing, poetry ...policeman, Bulmer. This ...e is on the trail of a ...of mercenaries (r). 3.30 ...and Daughters.

4.00 ...y. A repeat of the ...amme shown at noon. Cartoon Time (r). 4.20 Dolly Anna with Pat ...mbe (r). 4.30 First Post. ...dren criticise children's ...vision programmes. 4.45 ...at's Happening. Topical ...eral knowledge quiz. 5.15 ...e Young Doctors.

...ws 6.00 Thames news.

...ames Sport presented by ...eve Rider. The final ...ogramme of the series ...reviews next Wednesday's ...erby and talks to the owner ...f the favourite, Robert Sangster. Plus Kevin Keegan on last night's European Cup final.

Whose Baby? introduced by Bernie Winters. Anne Diamond, Beryl Reid and Ted Rogers try to guess the identity of babies' celebrity parent or parents.

The Streets of San Francisco. Detective Mike Stone investigates the death of a rodeo rider in an arena (r).

Minder. Bury My Half at Waltham Green. Problems for Terry when he is hired to look after an ex-convict (r).

TV Eye: Miner versus Miner examines why violent intimidation has become such a feature of the present dispute.

...00 News followed by Thames news headlines.

...0 Hill Street Blues. Doris in Wonderland finds the hapless Furillo the man in the middle when Daniels tries to squeeze out a rival for the post of mayor.

My Brother's Keeper. With three alcoholics as they arrive at the St Luke's Centre in Kennington, a place of refuge and detoxification, run by the Rev Noel Baker.

Newhart. American comedy series starring Bob Newhart.

Night Thoughts from Tina Mahta.

BBC 1 (fragment)

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...e series ...in the 70s ...Perigord – ...fle (r). 9.30 School, ...a Benjamin ...t. ...-day ...and and ...e Texaco ...d. ...West with ...nie ...om (...gworth ...chnis ...at ... BBC 2 ... Ne... Wh... Richard Co... pro... Bac... (Lon... repo... ancial head... Intern... visit to ... ther Texac... betwe... West In... news (r)... Play Sc... Wayne J... Bear Ca... Jigsaw ... another ... puzzle ga... Finn and ... nine of the ... stories of ... John Crav... 5.10 Blue P... remembere... guests. Ma... who led the ... Division in th... engagement ... was four yea... her house be... be liberated b... Sixty Minutes ... news from Ri... Pot the Quest... knowledge q... snooker. Atte... the questions ... captains De... Patrick Mow... Winters. De... Tessa Sand... Trueman.

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...18 News head...

...20 Tom Jones ... energetic s... Coolidge.

...45 Weather

![image: Bernard Hill as Lech Walesa]

Bernard Hill as Lech Walesa in Squaring the Circle (Channel 4, 9.30pm)

CHOICE

● SQUARING THE CIRCLE (Channel 4, 9.30pm), a story about Lech Walesa and the short, tumultuous life of Solidarity, is not, says its writer Tom Stoppard, a filmed play. Nor yet a straight movie. Nor a documentary, or reconstruction. It is, he says, an imaginative view of history. Mr Stoppard's view, in fact. And we know very well what a highly imaginative writer he is. What other living writer would dare to tackle such a well-documented chapter in contemporary political history in such a freewheeling and satirical way? "Everthing that follows is true, except the words and the pictures", says Mr Stoppard through his narrator figure, an American, whose judgments are constantly being amended by unidentified "experts". Having thus rid himself of the necessity to be seen as Solidarity's official chronicler, Mr Stoppard is free to move his characters (Walesa, Brezhnev, Gierek, Kania, Jaruzelski, Rakowski, etc) through a highly stylised Poland and Soviet Union (an incredibly complex studio set, brilliantly designed by Voytek) in the manner of dancers in a bizarre ballet, characters in a *pantomime*, or pieces on a chess board. The effect is dazzling, even stupifying, and the words come tumbling out of the screen without respite. All that is lacking is a sense of drama. *Squaring the Circle* is, finally, as involving as a waxwork show.

● A BIG ROMPING BOY (BBC 1, 9.25pm) brings down the curtain on BBC Scotland's *Murder Not Proven*. These reconstructions of actual murder cases have been painstakingly done, are valuable to students of jurisprudence, but have been a trifle dull, and what was true of the first two episodes is true of tonight's concluding story, the case of Donald Merrett who, in the mid-Twenties, was put in the dock and charged with murdering his mother and forging cheques. The outcome of the case can come as no surprise, given the umbrella title of the series. What gives the story of Donald Merrett its particular savour is the fact that only forensic evidence could finally decide whether the son shot his mother or whether she shot herself. *Murder Not Proven* has relied heavily on the post-mortem. Odd, really, that the characters in these stories have so often been more interesting when dead than when alive.

● Radio highlight: the 1936 Glyndebourne production of Mozart's DON GIOVANNI (Radio 3, 2.00pm), with John Brownlee in the title role, and Fritz Busch conducting.

Peter Davalle.

BBC 2

6.05 **Open University:** Maths: Quadric Surfaces. 6.30 History of Mathematics. 6.55 Pine Point Mine: Origins. 7.20 The Real World. 7.45 Foretelling Fatigue Life. Ends at 8.10.

9.00 **Ceefax.**

1.30 **Fingerbobs.** A See-Saw programme for the very young.

1.45 **Ceefax.**

2.00 **You and Me.** For four- and five-year olds, presented by Stephen Tate with Purrfecta the Pussycat (r).

2.12 **Ceefax.**

3.50 **International Cricket,** continued from BBC 1. Coverage of the one-day game between England and the West Indies in the Texaco Cup at Old Trafford.

7.25 **News** summary with subtitles.

7.30 **Sporting Chance** presented by Anneka Rice. Windsor Davies, with his wife Lynne, sails to Llanddwyn Island in North Wales and Miss Rice parachutes from 2,000 feet (r).

8.00 **Just Another Day.** John Pitman continues his series on British institutions with a look behind the scenes at the West End of London's largest store, Selfridges, which employs some 3,000 people (r).

8.30 **Nature** presented by Tony Soper and Brian Leith. This week's look at wildlife includes David Bellamy questioning whether or not we have our priorities right when it comes to conservation. The programme examines the Duck Stamp and Chickadee Checkoffs schemes in the United States which over the past half century have raised $285 million for conservation. There is also an item on Switzerland's ozone and acid rain which is thought to be responsible for killing forests. Some Swiss are demanding a reduced car speed limit to cut down exhaust fumes and the banning of lead from petrol to counteract the damage to the forests. Would such measures have the same effect in this country?

9.00 **Film: Pocket Money** (1972) starring Paul Newman and Lee Marvin. Modern-day comedy western about two impecunious cowboys who learn of a get-rich-quick job in Mexico. Based on J. P. S. Brown's novel, Jim Kane and directed by Stuart Rosenberg.

10.35 **Newsnight.** The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the main news stories of the day.

11.20 **International Cricket.** Highlights of today's game in the Texaco Cup between England and the West Indies at Old Trafford.

11.50 **Open University:** The Period Table. 12.15 Social Psychology: You Don't Fool Me. 12.40 Handicapped in the Community. Ends at 1.10.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is challenged by interior decorator Kirsten Shepherd.

5.30 **Everybody Here.** Entertainment for children from every cultural background. This afternoon's programme includes Alexandra Sebastian reading a Polish folk tale and Arthur Thomas talking about life down a Welsh mine.

6.00 **What a Picture!** The second programme of the series on improving photographic prowess highlights the precision and timing required in action photography. John Hedgecoe uses examples taken at a school sports day, of wrestling in Madison Square Gardens; white water canoeing; and of a motor cycle stunt team (r).

6.30 **Post Natal Depression.** A documentary by Patricia Newman that lifts the veil on a subject that has until recently been cloaked in mystery.

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.50 **Comment.** With her view on a matter of topical importance is Ellen Kuzwayo, known as the 'mother of Soweto'.

8.00 **Pushing the Limits.** The second in the series that examines sporting achievements that push men and women to the limit, looks at the perilous sport of frozen waterfall climbing. The ascent can only be attempted in sub-zero temperatures and the programme follows the efforts of rock climber Ron Fawcett and mountaineer Eric Jones as they tackle a Swiss waterfall.

8.30 **American Caesar.** Part two to the ten-programme series based on the book by William Manchester about the United States' armed forces' most famous general, Douglas MacArthur. This evening's episode finds MacArthur being ordered to defend Australia and to organise an Allied counter offensive.

9.00 **Soap.** The Tates and the Campbells are in their usual bemused states with Billy having an affair with his teacher and Dutch attacking Eunice with a bowl of cereal.

9.30 **Film: Squaring the Circle** (1983) starring Bernard Hill as Lech Walesa. Tom Stoppard's version of the events that took place in Poland between August 1980 and December 1981. Directed by Mike Hodges (see Choice).

11.25 **Lifers.** The second of seven programmes that feature convicted prisoners serving life sentences in five prisons. Tonight, Reg, a self-confessed master criminal, serving two-life sentences.

11.55 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

6.00 News briefing: Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, including. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer. 6.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 Winnie the Pooh. Five stories by A. A. Milne (4). Read by Alan Bennett.
8.57 Weather; Travel; Rollercoaster. Frank Delaney and Pattie Coldwell present a sequence of entertaining and provocative conversation including 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 News. 10.30 Morning Story: 'Gone Fishing' by H. R. Langley. Read by Peter Adamson.
12.00 News; Checkpoint with Roger Cook.
12.27 Good Timing. Peter Jones in a comedy sketch show presented by Peter Jones. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an item on the Birmingham-based International Family Service that offers a friendly hand to overseas students in Britain. Also the seventh instalment of Vanished with the Rose.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Rimer in Residence. By John Kirkmorris. With David Collings, Sarah Badel, Brett Usher, Melissa Katsoulis and Peter Tuddenham, The story of the relationship between a struggling poet, his girlfriend, and her daughter.†
4.00 News: Holy Communion on Ascension Day from All Soul's Church, Langham Place, London.†
4.40 Story Time: 'Lois the Witch' by Mrs Gaskell (2). The reader is Valerie Windsor.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'clock News.
6.30 Brain of Britain 1984. General knowledge quiz. Eleventh round. North England (r).†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Any Answers? with David Jacobs.
7.40 Last Tales from the South China Seas. Themes and variations from the lives of the British in South-East Asia (6). Spice exporting from the island of Penang.
8.25 Mail on the Rails. Nigel Holmes travels on the night mail train from Whitehaven to Preston and back to Carlisle.
8.50 Actuality. Tonight's theme is Sacred Heart Surgery on Merseyside.
9.30 Recollections of a Royal milliner. Aage Thaarup, Danish-born hat-maker for many decades to High Society, recalls some heady moments.
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Tonight's topics include Kipling at the Mermaid Theatre; Rosa Guy's book A Measure of Time; and the Glyndebourne production of L'incoronazione di Poppea. Also the film The Terry Fox Story.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Falls the Shadow' by Emmanuel Litvinoff (9). Read by Nigel Graham.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World tonight.
11.30 Surgeon Memsahib.
12.00 News. 12.10 Weather.
ENGLAND VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00-11.30 Study On 4: Modern Biography 11.50-12.10 Open University: Hamlet.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Thomas's overture Raymond; Satie's Three Pieces in shape of pear (Eden and Tamir, pianos); Berlioz's Royal Hunt and Storm, from The Trojans (Royal Opera House Orchestra, Covent Garden);† 8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. J. C. Bach's overture No 5 in G (La Cascina); Hahn's Three Songs (Martyn Hill/John Constable); Bartok's Two portraits, Op 5 (Mintz/LSO); Martinu's Suite No 1 from Spalicek.† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Offenbach. Excerpts, in French, from the opera bouffe La Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein. Soloists: Lublin and Amadé. Also, the one-act operetta Pommes d'Api: sung in French. Cast includes Lafont and Mesplé.†
10.00 Sir Arthur Sullivan: Royal Liverpool Philharmonic play the Symphony in E.†
10.40 Chopin, Liszt, and Albeniz: recital by Philip Smith (piano). Includes Chopin's Study in C sharp minor, Op 25 No 7; Liszt's Harmonies du Soir: and Albeniz's Triana (Iberia, Book 2).†
11.15 Hallé Orchestra: Concert, part one with Iona Brown (violin) Brahms's Academic Festival Overture; Fauré's Pavane: and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor.† Interval reading at 12.05.
12.10 Concert: part two. Bax's Symphony No 6.† 1.00 News.
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: the English Concert play works by Purcell; Handel, Croft (Suite in C minor for harpsichord); Vivaldi; and Bach (Trio in C major, BWV 1037 – the Goldberg).†
2.00 50 Years of Glyndebourne: A 1936 recording of Mozart's Don Giovanni, sung in Italian. With Baccaloni (Leporello) Ina Souez, John Brownlee, (title role) Franklin, Kalman Pataky, Louise Helletsgruber, Audrey Mildmay and Roy Henderson. Fritz Busch conducts the Glyndebourne Festival Chorus and Orchestra.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Michael Berkeley's selections of music.†
6.30 Bandstand: Parc and Dare Band play Malcolm Arnold's Fantasy for Brass Band; and Herbert Howells's suite Pageantry.†
7.00 Three Voices and Piano: Purcell songs, duets and a trio: and Britten's Canticle 11, Op 51. With soloists Peter Pears, John Shirley-Quirk and James Bowman.†
7.45 Music of Eight Decades: Part one. Simon Rattle conducts the London Sinfonietta and BBC Singers, with soloists Cynthia Buchan and Willard White. We hear Birtwistle's The World is Discovered; and Stravinsky's Requiem Canticles.†
8.15 Scenes from the life of . . . James Agate. The reader is Roger Hammond. Introduced by Donald Bancroft (r).
8.35 Music of Eight Decades: part two of the Queen Elizabeth Hall concert. Birtwistle's Three movements with fanfares: and Tippett's Concerto forOrchestra.†
9.40 Schubert: Endellion String Quartet play the Quartet in B flat, Op 112.†
10.10 Music in Our Time: Recordings from last year's Budapest New Music Weeks. Vidovsky's Romantic Reading: Stockhausen's Zyklus: and Peter Eotvos's Intervalles inteneurs.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
Medium Frequency/Medium Wave as above except: 10.40-7.45pm Cricket: The First Texaco One-Day International from Old Trafford – England v West Indies 12.50 News. 12.55 Lloyd of Lancashire. A profile of Clive Lloyd. 1.15 Latest county scores VHF ONLY Open University: 6.15-6.55am and 11.20-12.00pm.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Major Bulletins: 7.00, 8.00am, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines: 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30am (*mf/mw*).
4.00am Colin Berry.† 5.30 Bill Rennells.† 7.30 Ray Moore† incl. 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Steve Jones† incl. 1.05; 2.02 Sports Desk 2.05 Gloria Hunniford† incl. 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music all the Way† incl. 4.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton† incl. 5.05, 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.05 John Dunn† incl. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only 7.30 Cricket Scores. 8.00 Wally Whyton with County Concert and Country Club† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Roy Castle in 'Castle's Corner'. The first of a new series of comedy and song shows with guests Eric Morecambe and Charles Collingwood. 10.30 Star Sound Extra with Nick Jackson. 11.00 Brian Matthew with Round Midnight (stereo for midnight). 1.00am Patrick Lunt presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Marching and Waltzing.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30am and then 12.00 midnight (*mf/mw*). 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Bruno Brookes. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF Radio 1 and 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Nature Notebook. 6.40 The Farming World 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 A Diganced Indulgence 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 John Peel 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Beecham's Delius. 10.15 Monitor. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 The Week in Wales. 11.30 Assignment. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK 1.45 The Pleasure's Yours. 2.30 Discovery. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 A Jolly Good Show 9.15 Ulster Newsletter 9.20 In the Meantime 9.30 Business Matters. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today 10.25 The Week in Wales 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Radio Theatre. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Letters From Everywhere 2.30 Omnibus. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Business Matters. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today
(All times in GMT)

FREQUENCIES: ... 289kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: ...00kHz 1500m ... 261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648...

BBC1 Wales. 1.17pm-1.20 News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 11.45 News and weather. **Scotland.** 1.15pm-1.20 The Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 11.45 News and weather. **Northern Ireland.** 1.17pm-1.20 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 11.45 News and weather. **England.** 5.55pm Regional news magazines. 11.50 Close.

S4C Starts 1.30pm Eisteddfod. 4.35 Ffalabalam. 4.50 Bys a Bawd. 5.05 Y Gwylit. 5.35 Daley Thompson's Body-Shop. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Cartoons. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Eisteddfod. 8.30 Wayne and Shuster. 9.00 Coleg. 9.30 Credaf. 10.00 Film: Maggie. 11.40 Jazz. 12.25am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Benny. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30-3.00 Happy Days 3.00-3.30 Makers. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 Channel Report. 6.25 Crossroads. 6.50 Barnstormers. 7.00 Coronation Street. 7.30 Hawaii Five-O. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.34 Royal Visit. 11.05 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.25am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 10.25-12.00 Film: King of the Khyber Rifles. (Tyrone Power.). 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30 Police News. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.00 Magic of the Musical. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.30 Cover to Cover. 11.00 Shelley. 11.30 Crann Tara. 12.00 At Ease. 12.30am News, closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Once Upon a Time . . . Man 9.50 Road to Los Angeles. 10.30-12.00 Film: Decoy* (Edward Judd). 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Father Murphy. 3.00-3.30 Take the High Road. 5.15-5.45 Gambit. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.35 ECO. 11.05 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.10am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25am-12.00 Film: Fast Lady (Stanley Baxter). 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 University Challenge. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.30 Hill Street Blues. 11.30 Preview. 12.00 News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25-12.00 Film: Fast Lady. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Happy Days. 3.00-3.30 Vintage Quiz. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Gardens For All. 7.00 Carry On Laughing. 7.30 Hawaii Five-O. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.35 Arrows Away! 11.05 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.25am Postcript. 12.30 Weather, close.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25am European Folk Tales. 10.40 Adventurer. 11.05 Wild Canada. 11.55-12.00 Wattoo, Wattoo. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Animals in Action. 6.00 About Britain. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Benson. 7.30 Quincy. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.30 Indoor Bowls. 11.15 Gangster Chronicles. 12.15am Man Worth Listening To, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.25am Unicorn Tales. 10.55 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 11.45-12.00 Little Rascals. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Miracles Take Longer. 5.15-5.45 Take The High Road. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.30 Englishman's Home. 11.15 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.15am Company. Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 10.25am Little Rascals.* 10.40 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 11.10-12.00 Space 1999. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Gambit. 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.30 Rock Alive. 11.00 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales At Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Atom Ant. 9.30 Wild, Wild World or Animals. 9.55 Kum Kum. 10.20 Chips. 11.05 Target the Impossible. 11.30 Dick Tracy. 11.35-12.00 Laurel and Hardy.* 12.30pm Paint Along with Nancy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada reports. 1.30-2.00 About Britain. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 This is your right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada reports. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.30 Hill Street Blues. 11.30 Cities. 12.30am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.25am-12.00 Film: Trouble in Store. 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 5.15-5.45 Happy days. 6.02 Crossroads 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Hardcastle and McCormick 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.32 Come in. 11.00 Coming up. 11.10 Sweeney 12.10am Reach out for God. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25am Ravenswood experience. 10.55 European folk Tales. 11.05 Great Western. 11.55-12.00 Melotoons. 12.30pm-1.00 Country Calendar. 1.30-2.00 Calendar 5.15-5.45 Happy days. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Magnum. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.30 Newhart. 11.00 Thriller. 12.25am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25am Joe 90. 10.50 Story Hour. 11.40-12.00 Harlem Globetrotters. 3.30-4.00 Gambit. 5.10 Bodyline. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Report. 7.00 Now You See It. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.30 Preview. 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 I Captured Eichmann. 12.05am Crann Tara. 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 10.25am Sport Billy. 10.50 Cartoon. 11.05 Laurel and Hardy.* 11.30-12.00 Friends of My Friends. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 It's a Vet's Life. 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Fall Guy. 8.30-9.30 Airline. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 QED. 11.55 News, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Ten-year wait for another eclipse

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The partial eclipse of the Sun visible throughout much of Britain yesterday will not be repeated for 10 years.

The eclipse covered more than 42 per cent of the Sun's disc, as the moon crossed its face, for observers in the South-west and about 29 per cent of the solar disc in Edinburgh and further north.



Yesterday's partial eclipse.

Although there are on average between two and three eclipses a year visible from somewhere on earth the chance of seeing one at a particular place is smaller.

There will only be four eclipses visible in the United Kingdom by the end of the century.

The last, on August 11, 1999 will be a total one in most of Cornwall and Devon.

The event yesterday was the largest partial eclipse seen in Britain since 1975, and though observed in many other places the Moon was too far away to cover completely the solar disc for any observer on earth.

It was called an annular eclipse. Its parth began in the Pacific Ocean, passed Mexico and ended in Algeria. At the part of the event when the maximum amount of the disc was covered, the Sun appeared as a bright annulus.

Stomach ulcers 'cured by bananas'

By Nicholas Timmins

Green bananas can cure stomach ulcers; according to Aston University scientists.

The bananas or plantains, cooked as a vegetable in the West Indies and other Third World countries, cookery, contain an active ingredient which is safer, gentler, and more effective than many drugs, including the market leader Tagamet, Dr David Lewis, of the department of pharmacy, says.

Green bananas can also prevent ulcers forming.

Dr Lewis said: "Ulcers are formed in the stomach when stress or toxic materials destroy the protective mucosa lining the stomach wall. Bananas stimulate the growth of the mucosa cells in the stomach lining, maintaining the protective barrier against the stomach acid and allowing ulcers already formed to heal."

The green banana's properties were discovered when a professor at Banaras Hindu University in India asked Reckitt and Coleman and the Aston team to investigate the Indian legend that plantains cured ulcers.

Using dried banana powder, Aston scientists extracted the active ingredient and demonstrated its effectiveness.

Dr Lewis said yesterday the next step would be to discover the chemical structure of the active ingredient, to see if it could be synthesized to make a new drug.

Cooking plantains appears to destroy the active ingredients. Uncooked they were "a bit tough and starchy", Dr Lewis said, although Reckitt and Colman, India, were considering marketing a dried powder.

Yellow dessert bananas may not have the same effect. Dr Lewis said. "We did buy a bunch from Marks and Spencer but they proved to be inactive.

Iraq claims hit on ship

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attack across the Shatt al-arab river – insisting, of course, that it will be beaten back by the Iraqi army – although several Gulf nations suspect that the offensive might not after take place.

Saudi attempts to prevent further air strikes on the Gulf sea-lanes and yesterday's meeting between King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Mr Tareq Aziz had gone some way to lessen tension among the Gulf oil states and among the shipowners upon whom they rely for the shipment of oil.

Despite the unwillingness of many tanker crews to sail up the Gulf. Two suprtankers arrived in Bahrain yesterday to load oil at the harbour jetties while a third American warship – the missile carrier John L Hall arrived in Manama.

Gulf States fail, page 6

Presidential muscle under stress

President Reagan tries out a weight stress machine at the US Olympic centre in Colorado Springs.

Ministers back 'rule of law over mob'

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strong mob. Mr Scargill had the effrontery to complain about police brtality when 17 policemen were injured and one has a broken leg."

Support for the role of the police came from Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, who said that if they had not done their duty, violent mobs would have closed every power station in the country, even though the workers there wanted to work.

He added that they would also have shut every steelworks, even though every steelworker wante desperately to work and they would have closed every mine in Britain even though all those mining areas that have had a chance to vote, have voted to work.

Dr David Owen, the leader of the Social Democratic Party, added his voice to the mainly Conservative protest over the violence. Speaking in Inverness he said that ritul condemnation of the violence the ation saw on their television screens was no longer enough. "It is action, not words, that is now needed."

Dr Owen added: "Lorry drivers wearing visors with grills over their windows in order to deliver coke so that steelworks can be kept open is not acceptable in Britain in 1984 nor can we go on watching our policemen injured and the ugly mood of fear continue."

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Home Office, told a joint conference in Torquay yesterday of the Association of Chief Police Officers the Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Association of Coun Councils that Tuesday had been "a black day, not for the police but for those trying to whip up hostility against the police".

Speaking to a conference which within hours of starting had already seen sharp exchanges and division between chief constables, councillors, and Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Shadow Home Secretary, on police tactics. Mr Hurd said the police were not servants of the Government.

He said no Home Secretary has had to use his powers to require chief constables to aid their colleagues. Since the dispute had begun 2,663 people had been arrested and the minister gave a warning that no individual, however powerful his position," is above the law or immune from the consequences of breaking it.

In the course of the dispute 291 police officers had been injured in an operation involving thousands of men. Although there were calls to pay the full cost Mr Hurd said that if the Government did as councillors wished then it might affect local influence and responsibility of police authorities.

Letter from Moscow

Fear of war lurks beneath normality

Fear of war is in the air in Moscow. On the surface the city has never looked more peaceful. On the Moscow River pleasure boats ply up and down, with guides pointing out the ancient gold domes of the Kremlin, the Lenin Stadium, the spires of Moscow University high above on the Lenin Hills.

On the embankment grass families lounge, picnic and play, enjoying a spate of glorious sunshine. Old Russia sunbathes cheek by cheek with the new: mountainous ladies in bra and pants and sunhats made out of *Pravda* watch young girls skateboard on the towpath wearing bikinis and imported Sony "Walkmans" and not much else.

But at night the city is shaken by fierce apocalyptic electric storms, thunderclaps rattling the windowpanes and giant sheets of lightning illuminating the gothic skyscrapers built by Stalin, a metropolis cityscape about to meet its doom.

The innermost mood of most Russians is gloom-laden, with an all-pervasive fear that relations between the superpowers will get out of control and that a crazed President Reagan will bring cruise, Pershing and Minuteman missiles raining down on the streets of Moscow while a cosmic nuclear war is fought in outer space.

This fear is stoked by the state-run media, which harp endlessly on Mr Reagan's "pathological hatred" of all things communist and all things Russian (the two are not distinguished). He is increasingly compared to Hitler – a potent comparison in a nation that is constantly reminded of the horrors of the Second World War, and told that Russia saved the world from Nazism almost singlehanded.

Even down by the river the *propaganda* does not stop for a second. A young man cycles slowly by, the radio on his handlebars drowning out the nightingale in the trees and the chug chug of the riverboats: "The reckless deployment of Nato missiles ... war psychosis ... aggressive and militarist Washington ... preparations for a nuclear strike".

Fear of war with the West took hold of the Russian consciousness last September when Soviet fighters shot down a South Korean airliner with the loss of 269 lives. Few Muscovites [illegible] Russia's [illegible] to [illegible] frontiers" [illegible] civilian aircraft [illegible] resented Western [illegible] the action was [illegible] would have done [illegible] was a typical reaction.

But there was an underlying sense of guilt, coupled with fear that the Soviet Union had gone too far. Subsequent Soviet actions – withdrawal from the Geneva arms talks, withdrawal from the Olympic Games – have been accompanied by a similar barrage of self-righteous propaganda, disguising a similar fear [illegible] having overstepped the mark.

With every turn for the worse the Russian instinct has been not to appease the United States but to become ever more defiant, ever more aggressive, ever more isolationist.

No less a person than President Chernenko this week fuelled these fears of Western retribution in a remarkable speech to Komsomol (Communist Youth League) leaders in the Army and Navy.

The West, he said bleakly, is preparing for war because it fears the historically inevitable victory of communism. Like other apparently laughable Soviet arguments this has to be taken into account, since it is seriously believed in the Kremlin and at least half believed by consumers of *Pravda* and Radio Moscow.

"Foreign policy and diplomacy cannot accomplish everything," Mr Chernenko said in an oddly ominous [illegible]. "The deterrent might of the Soviet Army is indispensable when one is dealing with forces to which good will is alien and which are deaf to the arguments of reason."

"The truly terrifying thing," said a senior Western diplomat watching Mr Chernenko's speech, "is that this is a mirror image of what the Americans say about the Russians."

The Komsomol leaders – most of them in their forties or even fifties – may have ideas for reversing the slide to war once the old men of the Kremlin have gone, but few looked this week as if they had any intention of challenging the gloomy script written by Mr Chernenko, Marshal Ustinov and other members of the old guard now in power.

Richard Owen

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the *Duke of Edinburgh*, attends a Reception at St James Palace to mark the Sesquicentenary of the Chartered Institute of Building, 6.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Fellow of the Zoological Society of London, introduces the Scientific session of the Symposium "Advances in Animal Conservation" at the Society's Meetings Rooms, Regent's Park, NW1, 9.50.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, The Church of All Saints Preservation Trust, attends a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the dedication of the new Church organs, at All Saints, *Northampton*, 11.

The Duke of Gloucester visits the Royal Bath and West Show at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, 11.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board visits Garrett Air Research Skelmersdale, 10.30, followed by Shorrocks Security Systems, Blackburn, 12.20; and later visits Addison Tool Company, Bamber Bridge, Lancashire, 3.05.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, visits the Royal Alexandra and Albert School at Reigate, Surrey, 11.

Princess Alexandra attends the Premiere of the film "The Terry Fox Story", in aid of the Royal Marsden Cancer Fund, at the Leicester Square Theatre, London, 8.

New exhibitions

Work by Caroline White, Charlie Meaker, Felicity Aylieff and Roger Perkins; Katherine House Gallery, The Parade, **Marlborough**; Wilts, Weds to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 11 to 4, closed Mon; (ends June 29).

Cityscape: drawings, paintings and ceramics; Colin Jellicoe Gallery, 82 Portland St, **Manchester**; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 1 to 5; (ends June 16).

National exhibition of Children's Art; Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, **Newcastle upon Tyne**; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 4.30, Sun 2.30 to 5.30; (ends July 1).

Display of Harveys History of Wine Collection: Warwickshire Museum, Market Place, **Warwick**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30; Sun 2.30 to 5; (ends July 29).

Paintings and drawings by Charles Rodwell, Goodison Room, The Mount House, **Marlborough** College, Wilts; open daily 11 to 4; (ends June 3).

Last chance to see

Work by members of the Dundee Printmakers Workshop; Meadowplace Gallery, Victoria Chambers, 10 Victoria Road, **Dundee**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.

A Cornish Flower Garden; by Cornish artists; **Falmouth** Art Gallery; Mon to Fri 10 to 1 & 2 to 4.30.

Paintings by William Crosbie and ceramics by Douglas Davies; Open Eye Gallery, 75 Cumberland St, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Friday 10 to 6.

Works by members of the *Bloomsbury Group*: Wiltshire Museum Gallery, 41 Long Street, **Devises**; Tues to Sat 11 to 1 and 2 to 4.

Antrim Coast: engravings, watercolours and oils, Bell Gallery, 13 Adelaide Park, **Belfast**; Mon to Fri 9 to 5.

Music

Violin and Piano Recital, Broughton House **Kirkcudbright**, 7.30

Concert by the London Virtuosi: St David's Cathedral, **St Davids**, Dyfed, 8.00

Concert by *the Leicester* Grammer School Chamber Choir and String Orchestra; Church of St Mary di Castro, **Leicester**, 8.00

Recital by the University Singers of the University of Missouri; **Canterbury** Cathedral; 12.00

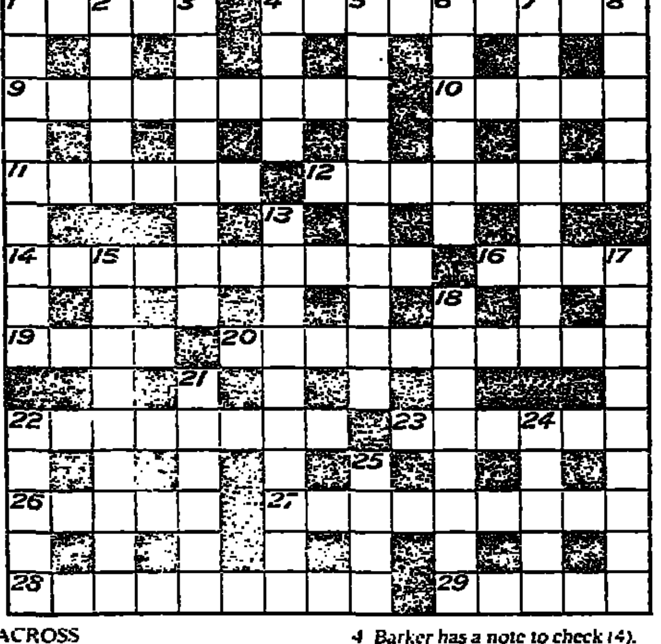
Concert by the Sewanee Choir, **Rochester** Cathedral; 1.30.

Concert by the Belfast Baroque Consort, St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, **Belfast**; 8.15.

National Day

White South Africa celebrates Republic Day today to mark the foundation of the republic in 1961. This event was the end of the movement away from Britain after the National Party came to power in 1948. Under the new constitution, due to come into force in September, a tricameral Parliament for whites, coloureds and Indians will be set up.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,444



ACROSS

1 Result of over-inflationary policy held up transport? (5).
4 Message brought by vehicle to many a border retreat (9).
9 Stuff quietly taken to club in metal binder (9).
10 Ordeal involving barmen? (5).
11 Fasten the end on (6).
12 Well-known Washington figure (8)
14 Article is written about taxes by opposition (10).
16 Border resident making a bloomer (4).
19 Stupid person from the same empty lot (4).
20 Sort of diet that killed Charles (10).
22 Silly islander Dean brought to book (8).
23 Cheeky companion of archbishop? (6).
26 Disposed to write before carrying on (5).
27 Travelling by train – one ten, possibly (9).
28 Knitted fabric in store at home and abroad (9).
29 Sign given to old bishop (5).

DOWN

1 Support by the directors to keep one upright (9).
2 Meat? Right away – nothing in it! (5).
3 Outer garments, usually shiny (8).
4 *Barker has a note to check (4).*
5 Colourful entrant in bull-fight (10).
6 Property in Vietnam, for example? (6).
7 Elementary measuring device (4-5).
8 One £1,000 distribution of fruit (5).
13 Making amends concerning dad getting share (10).
15 With this sort of lens, can you see to the Pole? Could be (9).
17 Old actor and gambler leads fashion (9).
18 Mean people meet the leader in this room? (8).
21 Barely hurry, perhaps (6).
22 Europeans get the said drinks (5).
24 Row follows quiet joke (5).
25 Investment in a farm? (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,443

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New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
A History of Women's Bodies, by Edward Shorter (Penguin, £3.95)
An Orderly Man, by Dirk Bogarde (Granada, £1.95
East Anglia in Verse, edited with an introduction by Angus Wilson (Penguin, £2.95)
London in Verse, edited with notes and illustrations by Christopher Logue (Penguin, £2.95)
Private Parts, short stories by Christopher Hope (Granada, £1.95)
Querelle of Brest, a novel by Jean Genet (Granada, £2.95)
The Banquet, a novel by Carolyn Slaughter (Penguin, £1.95)
The History of Alexander, by Quintus Curtius Rufus, translated by John Yardley, with an introduction and notes by Waldemar Heckel (Penguin Classics, £3.95)
The Joke, a novel by Milan Kundera, translated by Michael Henry Heim (Penguin, £2.95)
Venusberg, a novel by Anthony Powell (Penguin, £1.95)

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Anniversaries

Births: **William Worrell Mayo**, physician, Manchester, 1819; **Walt Whitman**, West Hills, Long Island, New York, 1819; **Walter Sickert**, painter, Munich,, 1860; **Sir Francis Younghusband**, explorer, Murree, Punjab, 1863.

Deaths: **Tintoretto**, Venice, 1594; **Franz Joseph Haydn**, Vienna, 1809. **Battle of Jutland**, 1916.

Today is the Feast of the Ascension of Christ, being his withdrawal into Heaven which was witnessed by the Apostles (Luke XXIV, 50-53). The Feast is firmly fixed as the 40th day after Easter (Acts 1, 3).

Kew Record Office re-opens

The Public Record Office at Kew, closed since March after sickness among staff following difficulties with the air-conditioning, will reopen to the public next Tuesday, June 5. The Health and Safety Executive has certified that the building can be occupied and used again without danger to the staff or public.

The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on the arrest of Mr Arthur Scargill outside the Orgreave Coking Plant in South Yorkshire yesterday, says: "Couldn't the situation have been resolved without resorting to the heavy hand of the law?" It adds that one effect of his arrest was that Kent miners occupied the London HQ of the National Coal Board for a time in retaliation. Divided as the miners are there is no doubt that Mr Scargill's arrest will gave a fresh impetus to their battle.

The Daily Express says that the police should not be backward in defending their high profile during the present coal strike. Criticism made of them yesterday at the annual conference of Local Authorities and Chief Constables was unjustified. It adds: "Extremist strike tactics, highlighted by yesterday's arrest of Mr Arthur Scargill, and so roundly condemned by the Prime Minister, have forced a role on the police that they would certainly not have chosen for themselves. *It is just as well that the* police force – and the will to employ it – is strong enough to cope with the present emergency." The paper says the police are doing their job by protecting the individual's right to work. It says: "Hooligans, whether of the footballing or industrial variety, must learn that lawlessness does not and must not pay. The police should know that they have the soldid support of the public."

Roads

London and South-east: M3: Contraflow system operates along the Surrey section of the Motorway. Two way traffic between junction 4 (Frimley) and junction 3 (Lightwater) on northbound carriageway and the entry slip road on to the southbound carriageway at junction 3 will be closed. **A6:** Delays on South Mimms bypass, northbound carriageway, N of Bignalls Corner (M25 intersection.) **Woking:** Temporary traffic signals on Westfield Rd between New Lane and the A320 Guildford Rd.

Wales and West: A38: Lane closures at Plympton under bridge, Marsh Mills, Lee Mill, Buckfastleigh and Halden Hill, Plymouth to Exeter. **M4:** Contraflow between junctions 16 and 17. **M5:** Various lane closures on both carriageways between junctions 8 and 9 (M50).

Midlands: M5: Contraflow system operates between junction 3 (Birmingham) and junction 4 (Bromsgrove). **A38:** All traffic sharing the southbound carriageway between the Watchorn Island (A61 junction) at Alfreton and the motorway (M1) roundabout at junction 28 near Matlock, Derby

The North: A660: Delays at junction of Blenheim Walk and *Blackman Lane*. **Leeds. A628:** Delays on Dodworth Rd, near M1 junction 37 W of Barnsley. **A61:** Delays at Suffolk Rd, Sheffield.

Scotland: A82: Delays E of Ballachulish Bridge. **M8:** Delays at Kingston Bridge. **A98:** Delays at Inchgower Bridge, S of Buckie.

Information supplied by the AA

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.61	1.53
Austria Sch	27.85	26.25
Belgium Fr	81.00	77.00
Canada $	1.84	1.77
Denmark Kr	14.44	13.74
Finland Mkk	8.37	7.92
France Fr	12.07	11.47
Germany DM	3.92	3.73
Greece Dr	159.00	149.00
Hongkong $	11.22	10.62
Ireland Pt	1.28	1.22
Italy Lira	2405.00	2305.00
Japan Yen	334.00	318.00
Netherlands Gld	4.43	4.21
Norway Kr	11.20	10.65
Portugal Esc	199.00	189.00
South Africa Rd	2.18	2.04
Spain Pta	216.25	205.25
Sweden Kr	11.68	11.08
Switzerland Fr	3.25	3.08
USA $	1.43	1.38
Yugoslavia Dnr	188.00	1.76

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 349.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 22.8 at 803.4.

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure over England will decline as a frontal trough moves E into W districts of the British Isles.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E, central N, NE England, E Anglia: sunny periods, dry variable light becoming S moderate, max temp 21C (70F).

Central S, NW England, E, W Midlands, Channel Islands, Lake District: sunny periods, dry, becoming cloudy with perhaps rain in places later, S moderate increasing fresh, max temp 20C (68F).

SW England, S, N, Wales, Isle of MAN: rain spreading from west, SE moderate increasing fresh to strong max temp 17C (63F)

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: bright start, rain in places later, SE moderate or fresh, max temp 15C (59F).

SW, NW Scotland, Argyll, Northern Ireland: cloudy, outbreaks of rain spreading from W, heavy in places with hill fog, SE strong locally gale, max temp 15C (59F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: generally rather cloudy with outbreaks of rain, heavy and thundery in places, brighter but showery in parts of the W and S later, temperatures near normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: wind, light variable, mainly fair; visibility, moderate with fog patches; sea, smooth. **English Channel (E):** wind, light backing S moderate or fresh, mainly fair; visibility, good; sea, smooth becoming moderate. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** wind, strong, rain later; visibility, moderate or poor; sea, very rough.

Sun rises: 4.50 am **Sun sets:** 9.07 pm

Moon rises: 5.11 am **Moon sets:** 10.24 pm

First Quarter: June 6.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded

b–blue sky; o–overcast; r–rain; s– [illegible] Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. [illegible]

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	13	55	Guernsey	f	12	54
Birmingham	f	17	63	Inverness	c	15	59
Blackpool	f	14	57	Jersey	c	12	54
Bristol	s	18	64	London	f	18	64
Cardiff	f	16	61	Manchester	s	19	66
Edinburgh	f	15	59	Newcastle	f	19	66
Glasgow	c	14	57	Ronaldsway	c	14	57

Lighting-up time

London 9.37 pm to 4.19 am
Bristol 9.47 pm to 4.29 am
Edinburgh 10.15 pm to 4.05 am
Manchester 9.57 pm to 4.17 am
Penzance 9.52 pm to 4.47 am

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 44 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.00in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 13.2hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1013.0 millibars

High tides

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Around Britain

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Abroad

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